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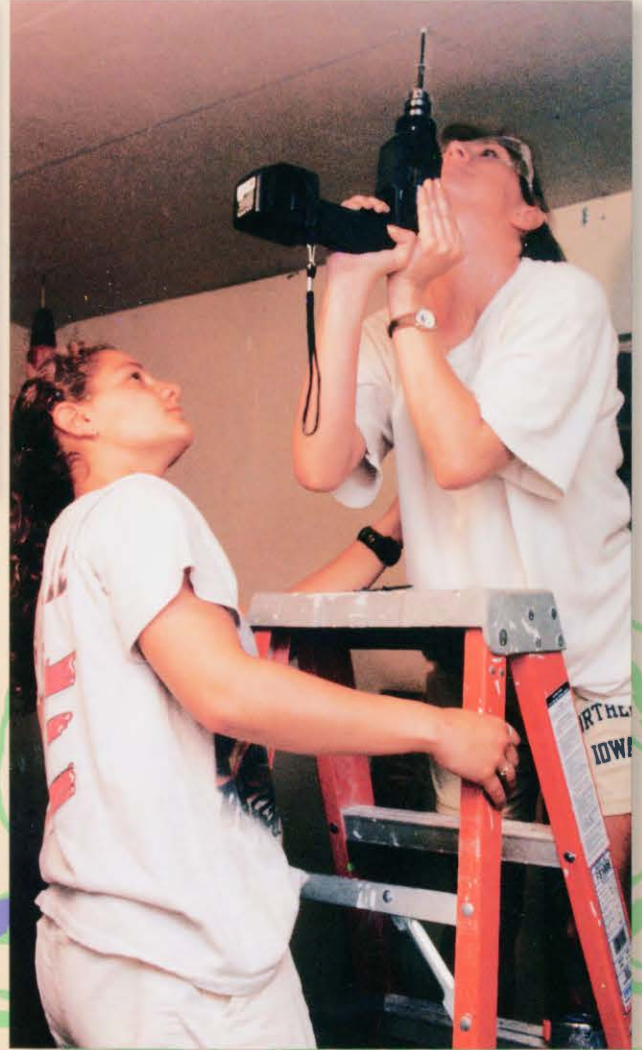
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# Service *learning*

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# Service



*is the rent  
we pay for  
living.*

—Marian  
Wright  
Edelman



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**On the cover:** As part of their service learning experience, UNI students participate in the (clockwise from top) Volunteer Day cleanup, Habitat for Humanity and America Reads programs.

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*More UNI students are getting exposure to the benefits of service because at UNI and in the community more options and pathways are now open for this to happen.*

**L**INDA AND OTHERS in her class spent a chunk of an April Saturday painting deposit boxes for a non-profit agency. Besides a slight sunburn, she and her University of Northern Iowa classmates gained firsthand applications of some class theories on how non-profit organizations work. That's just one of many examples called service learning—an organized service activity that meets community needs and helps students reflect on the activity to gain further understanding in their academic coursework. The number of students involved in service learning has significantly increased in the last few years since the university embraced the idea of experiential learning, connecting in-class experiences with experiences out of class. Many avenues are now open for students to actively engage in their own education, making lifelong connections with other students, their communities, and the world outside the classroom.

UNI President Robert Koob, a community volunteer himself, explains his view of service learning: "One objective of a college education is developing good citizen skills. Service learning raises students' awareness of their community and their various

roles in it. Plus, it gives them an opportunity to apply the concepts they are studying which can help them understand those more thoroughly."

The UNI Office of Experiential Learning works to encompass both service learning and volunteer opportunities on campus and in the community. Don Doerr, UNI's experiential learning coordinator, works to encompass both service learning and volunteering opportunities on campus and in the community. Doerr acknowledges the valuable contribution students make to the community through service learning and volunteering. "More UNI students are getting exposure to the benefits of service because at UNI and in the community more options and pathways are now open for this to happen," Doerr states. "From what I've seen, once students get involved in service learning or volunteering, they can't get enough."

One way for students to find out about service opportunities is to attend the fall and spring Volunteer Fair, organized by Doerr's office through Project VIP (Volunteers are Important People). The office works in conjunction with the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley that has contacts with over 70 agencies. Agency representatives participate in the fair

**B**e a star in a child's life! urges a brochure explaining how Northern Iowa students from any major can receive academic credit for tutoring students in the metro area. Kathy Peters, Office of Academic Achievement, coordinates the 16-year-old program while Charles Means, associate vice president of academic affairs, instructs the course that offers an opportunity to provide a valuable community service.

Every semester some 75 students (5 at each of 15 sites) register for the course offered under the Department of Educational Psychology and Foundations. They come from many majors with a common desire to help youth in any academic area. University students learn tutoring skills from reading faculty while speakers on multicultural sensitivity and tutoring expectations help prepare them for their assignments. The schools or agencies involved match the tutors with the youth.

For 10-12 weeks each semester University of Northern Iowa students spread out across northeast Iowa, tutoring students once a week, working with teachers to learn a student's needs, and working with graduate assistant supervisors on site to prepare tutoring lessons. Liz Baloun tutored for two semesters—once at Lowell Elementary School in Waterloo



Liz Baloun tutoring at Lowell Elementary School.



International students Irene Tan (Malaysia) and Jihad Moslami (Palestine) spend a day on Volunteer Day.

# Service learning

by Carole Shelley Yates

and students can ask them questions about volunteer possibilities. Forty-five agency representatives attended the most recent fair, and over 100 students registered with an agency. The fair originated as a student Psychology Club project to connect members with agency opportunities related to a psychology major. Now it attracts students from a variety of majors and interest areas.

Project VIP also coordinates other campus volunteer activities. Last spring 75 students were recruited for the Connect Cedar Valley, Community-Wide Volunteer Day. This is an

outgrowth of the 1997 Presidential Summit held in Philadelphia to implement the promise that all local youth have access to resources that will allow them to grow physically and mentally. President Koob serves on the Cedar Valley Summit as well as the Iowa Summit as a volunteer because of his desire to open to more young people the advantages that come from education. "The more a community is healthy, safe and stimulating, the more likely its young people are to benefit from the opportunities education offers," Koob expresses.

and later at the Juvenile Home for youth ages 13-18 in Toledo.

Baloun, a general studies major, says she's an avid volunteer who has worked with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other programs all through college. "Through the Academic Skills Achievement Program I was able to volunteer, help the community, and earn the credits I needed to graduate at the same time. Both of my assignments were very different, but rewarding and well worth my time."

Baloun's sites are only two of many. Others include middle schools, high schools, the Waterloo Schools' Education Discipline Center, the Meskwaki Indian Settlement in Tama, and the Iowa State Training School in Eldora.

Service learning through this tutoring class comes in several ways, Peters notes. "Some students do make career choices from their tutoring experiences. But they all have a real impact on the students they tutor. The elementary students remember their UNI tutors for years—they have made an impression and made a difference."

*Be a star in a child's life*

**UNI Service**



**F**OR VOLUNTEER DAY, NORTHERN Iowa students participated in clean-up projects like painting the inside of a Waterloo school, picking up trash along

University Avenue in Cedar Falls, painting the basement of the Senior Citizen Center, and cleaning up a section of Hickory Hills County Park. For some students, these projects were tied to academic coursework. For instance, one class participated in and then evaluated the community-wide project.

The university also provides opportunities for student volunteers. Sororities, fraternities and campus residence halls encourage student

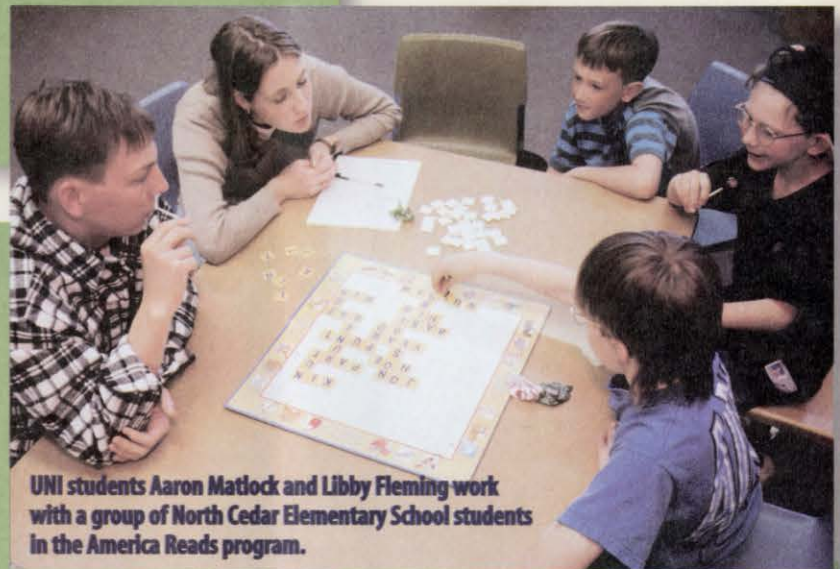
**A**pproximately a year ago President Clinton announced a 35 percent increase in financial aid work-study funds and encouraged universities to allocate half of their increase to fund tutors for America Reads programs to help improve literacy in the country. The University of Northern Iowa moved quickly to apply for additional work-study monies, according to Brian Will, Financial Aid Office assistant director.

The College of Education pursued the program and rapidly developed a system for students interested and qualified for work-study funds. Rick Traw, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, explains that the UNI program emphasizes providing qualified tutors for the schools' needs. "We wanted all elementary education majors who had taken at least one reading/language arts class. They also needed to have a faculty member's recommendation. A lot of other participating universities are recruiting from across the whole campus, but we're a teacher preparation institution and want qualified tutors." The university tutors take a 6-hour workshop at the beginning of their tutoring semester and also participate in a one-hour weekly session with UNI reading faculty.

The America Reads program at Northern Iowa hires qualified supervisors for each of the two schools served. Both supervisors are professional reading teachers who can supervise after-school tutoring sessions and help tutors develop lessons.

Tutors work with the same child twice a week during the whole school year. Although most of the 50 university tutors work one-on-one with an elementary student, Aaron Witt tutored three children last school year in second, third and fifth grades. His commitment came "because I wanted to share a love for reading and writing that a very special teacher shared with me. This experience is both an application of my studies as well as something which has served to make the more abstract ideas of my study more applicable."

The strong format UNI adopted for America Reads gained



**UNI students Aaron Matlock and Libby Fleming work with a group of North Cedar Elementary School students in the America Reads program.**

national attention at the International Reading Association annual conference in May, attended by some 20,000 teachers. Reading faculty, site supervisors and seven university undergraduate tutors discussed how the program works and their involvement.

"Our American Reads approach is a little unusual," Traw comments, "but it's been quite positive and successful based on comments from teachers, tutors, students and parents. We plan to continue this aspect of service learning as long as it's funded."

*America Reads*  
University of Northern Iowa Style





groups to serve the university community and beyond. Two gung-ho community service coordinators in Campbell Hall came up with monthly service projects. The most successful venture for Amy Farber and Jenny Lambertson involved a Free Throw Challenge. At least one representative from each campus residence hall took pledges on the number of basketball free throws they would make out of 100. With prize incentives, this service project raised \$1,700 for the Make a Wish Foundation.

When students' service learning occurs through an academic class for course credit, they participate in the service and then relate their experience to class theories for a better understanding of the subject matter. Or, in a different mix of elements, service learning can include payment for the service, like the federal government's America Reads program to improve literacy. These varied applications are depicted in short articles on pages 2 and 4.

**M**ORE AND MORE UNI faculty are developing ways to introduce service learning into their classes. In fact, several classes are completely devoted to the idea. "Community Service/Experiential Learning" in the Psychology Department involves students directly in volunteer opportunities combined with academic projects.

Students choose and organize their own volunteer experiences under instructor Laurie Diemer's supervision.

The class meets periodically so students can share their experiences and try to solve any problems. They also write several papers and keep a journal. About 15-20 students each semester have been involved with agencies including: Juvenile Detention Center, YWCA, Youth Shelter, Department of Human Services, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, nursing homes, Success Street program/Waterloo Community School District and Covenant Medical Center.

Diemer notes that since the class started in spring 1997, student participants have had their career goals reinforced, while others have benefited from deciding to go a different direction.

Another example of academic credit for service is the Ethics Practicum in the Department of Philosophy and Religion. Students in this course taught by David Morgan apply their knowledge of ethical issues gained in prerequisite classes and focus on non-profit organizations. The practicum is actually just one part of a larger department service learning program called Project SERVE (Service, Ethical Reflection, and Vocational Exploration) that reflects a concern for theoretical issues surrounding philanthropy, volunteerism, and the non-profit sector of society. With a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the project seeks to encourage students and faculty to critically reflect on nonprofit organizations' role in society through service learning and courses in philosophical ethics.

The Kellogg Foundation recently

*Northern Iowa students and faculty are definitely taking advantage of the many possibilities to help students make firsthand connections between the campus, the community and academic coursework.*

funded the next stage of Project SERVE William Clohesy, associate professor of philosophy and religion and project co-director, explains, "The new grant will enable faculty to further integrate voluntary activities and nonprofit organizations into our teaching and research. The SERVE Project aims at furthering scholarly reflection upon and academic involvement with volunteerism and the nonprofit world in an organized and extended way."

The student response to the SERVE practicum has been quite positive, states Morgan, professor of philosophy and religion. One student who volunteered at a day care center wrote, "The Ethics Practicum has encouraged me to view my field of



work through an entirely new and rewarding lens." Several students have volunteered for Cedar Valley Hospice and one noted, "I believe I have

learned more about ethics and life than I could in a class."

Students must volunteer 4-6 hours a week and attend a weekly meeting, do assignments from a course workbook and reading list, keep a journal, and write a narrative paper describing what was learned and the ethical problems

encountered. For example, those

participating with Hospice might discuss how society cares for elderly people and how this affects making public policy.

Eric Schumacher, a religion major, spent last spring working at Covenant Medical Center with a 3-year-old boy seriously burned and going through a long, painful treatment and therapy. Schumacher, who plans on attending seminary to do pastoral work, writes that his practicum gave him insight into caring for people who are suffering, those in the hospital, victims of accidents, or people with disabilities.

"I learned that serving a person goes beyond simply meeting their physical needs. Humans have inherent value with physical, spiritual, mental and social needs. When we find joy in a person's well-being, our quest for their benefit and our own joy become the same pursuit."

Students in the Leisure Services major under the School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services join their major with one big volunteer expectation. They are required to complete 500 hours of work/volunteer experience before doing a semester-long internship. Don DeGraaf, program coordinator, explains the students can complete

these hours in a variety of different settings broadly related to leisure service or human service. Although the 500 hours may sound daunting, DeGraaf says students usually have no problem getting the hours and many graduate with far more than the requirement. While these volunteer hours are not directly tied to specific academic classes, they do provide students with hands-on experience related to their major.

**S**ERVICE LEARNING CAN ALSO be about challenging yourself to examine your own values and assumptions. Professor of Sociology Mark Grey hopes students did just that in the May interim course he offered, "Experience in Sociology: Habitat for Humanity." Grey emphasizes, "This is not a class about learning to build a house. Rather, it's a structured experience in examining housing as a social and economic issue. In doing this, we get involved in a Habitat project where homes are built or renovated for lower income families with the family's help." This year the class helped a family with dry walling, siding, and cleaning up their Florence Street house in Waterloo.

The 10 students came from several different majors including physical education, sociology, anthropology, and other social sciences. They spent an intense three weeks addressing their own stereotypes and learning about housing from several angles.

The class journal entries helped students think critically about the housing issue as they respond to questions that range from the easy—"Does the Habitat neighborhood look like you thought it would?"—to the more difficult—"What have you learned about class structure in our society?"

Thus students benefit by not volunteering in isolation but participating in group reflection on their service experience. **T**



UNI student Emily Klingbell shares an enthusiasm for reading with Roosevelt School student in the America Reads program.

**Web sites of related interest**  
Philosophy & Religion:  
[www.uni.edu/philrel/](http://www.uni.edu/philrel/)  
Placement & Career Services:  
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# Teacher Helpline provides valuable link for first year teachers

by DeWayne Purdy

**T**he University of Northern Iowa has always had a historic emphasis on education, beginning when the university was founded by the Iowa General Assembly in 1876 as the Iowa State Normal School—"a school for special instruction and training of teachers for the common schools of the state." More than a century later, UNI continues to be an innovator in education with the Teacher Helpline, a new Internet-based service that provides new teachers, or teachers who have changed grade levels, an easy way to contact UNI education faculty with their teaching-related questions.

It was an idea that came before its time, according to Professor of Curriculum and Instruction Peggy Ishler, the co-coordinator of the Teacher Helpline. "It was originally conceived in 1993 by Joan Duea, now an emeritus faculty member from the College of Education. Most of the schools didn't have Internet access in 1993, so we used a less-sophisticated approach that didn't really take off."

But now, says Ishler, technology has made it much easier to keep in touch with UNI's teaching graduates. A limited test was run this spring with new teachers in eight school districts. Ishler says it received a good response, and the program is being expanded to all 250 Northern Iowa teaching graduates as they enter their own classroom for the first time this fall.

Amy Guldager, a Sumner native who graduated this spring with a major in English education and a minor in secondary reading, says she's looking forward to having access to the Teacher Helpline. "I think it will be very

beneficial to me, just to have contact with the UNI faculty to get advice on problems I'm having or things I'm looking for. And the Internet and e-mail is a great way to deliver the service, especially since I'm looking for a teaching job out-of-state."

Guldager's sentiments are echoed by Heather Kolthoff, a history education graduate from Iowa Falls. "Any ideas you can get are going to be so welcome, because as new teachers, we have a lot of ideas, but other educators can give us input to improve on the ideas that we have."

The Teacher Helpline fits perfectly with the College of Education philosophy, according to William Waack, emeritus director of teacher education. "The Teacher Helpline will help those beginning teachers who so many times tend to feel isolated and have no one to turn to when classroom crises occur. It also confirms our philosophy that our graduates should never feel that they have graduated from the university; rather they should feel that they are graduating into it. We want them to know that they will always be a part of the UNI College of Education."

Thomas Switzer, dean of the College of Education, agrees. "If students come to UNI and invest their time and energy to work with our professors, then the university has an obligation to be with them throughout their professional career."

Knowing that she will have the ability to contact the UNI faculty members that she's been learning from for the past four years is a comforting thought for Kolthoff. "The University of Northern Iowa is known for creating

quality teachers, and this just proves that they're concerned with what goes on with these teachers after they've graduated, that the education is ongoing from this institution. They're not just throwing us in the deep end for our first teaching position, but they're also throwing us a life raft."

It's a simple interface on the World Wide Web, kept purposely that way so it's quick to load, says Ishler. After accessing the site at [www.uni.edu/coe/teach.helpline](http://www.uni.edu/coe/teach.helpline), first-year teachers or teachers who are changing grade levels can submit an online form with their question. Ishler and co-coordinator Linda Fernandez, an associate professor of teaching, receive the questions in a special e-mail account, and refer them to an appropriate UNI faculty member who then sends an e-mail response directly back to the new teacher.

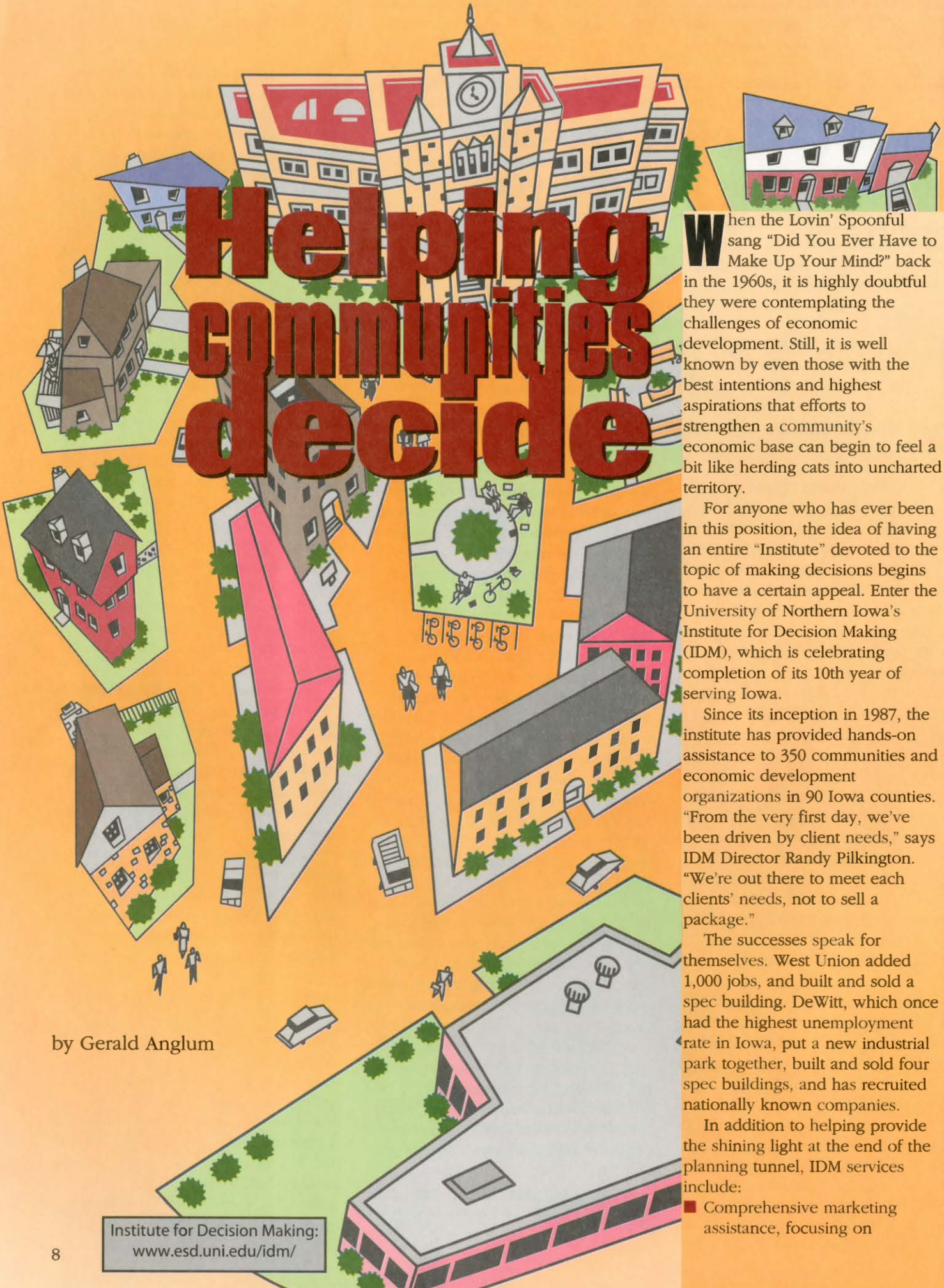
"We have had an excellent response from faculty," says Ishler. "We started with a core list of 50 faculty members, and I've called on other faculty members, adding them to the list, when I didn't have that particular specialty. I've been very pleased with the response of the faculty."

The benefits of the Teacher Helpline are not just for new graduates, according to Switzer, but also for current education graduates at UNI. "Every time we have questions raised by teachers we prepared, it helps us evaluate our current program, making it even better."

"We'll learn a lot from the kinds of questions they send in," says Ishler. "We intend to do research on what we are learning from the Helpline, seeing areas where our beginning teachers need more support."

A statement on the Teacher Helpline web page—"Beginning teachers need and deserve support during that first year of teaching"—sums up the attitude of the faculty in the College of Education, says Ishler. "Being the premier education institution in the state, and preparing over 40 percent of all the teachers in Iowa, I think we all feel that we have an obligation to those teachers that we prepare that we are there to support them even after they leave the university." **T**





# Helping communities decide

by Gerald Anglum

Institute for Decision Making:  
[www.esd.uni.edu/idm/](http://www.esd.uni.edu/idm/)

When the Lovin' Spoonful sang "Did You Ever Have to Make Up Your Mind?" back in the 1960s, it is highly doubtful they were contemplating the challenges of economic development. Still, it is well known by even those with the best intentions and highest aspirations that efforts to strengthen a community's economic base can begin to feel a bit like herding cats into uncharted territory.

For anyone who has ever been in this position, the idea of having an entire "Institute" devoted to the topic of making decisions begins to have a certain appeal. Enter the University of Northern Iowa's Institute for Decision Making (IDM), which is celebrating completion of its 10th year of serving Iowa.

Since its inception in 1987, the institute has provided hands-on assistance to 350 communities and economic development organizations in 90 Iowa counties. "From the very first day, we've been driven by client needs," says IDM Director Randy Pilkington. "We're out there to meet each clients' needs, not to sell a package."

The successes speak for themselves. West Union added 1,000 jobs, and built and sold a spec building. DeWitt, which once had the highest unemployment rate in Iowa, put a new industrial park together, built and sold four spec buildings, and has recruited nationally known companies.

In addition to helping provide the shining light at the end of the planning tunnel, IDM services include:

- Comprehensive marketing assistance, focusing on



proactive business attraction and expansion efforts, but also including attention for critical internal audiences.

- Target industry analysis, the process of identifying a community's assets and resources, and matching those with locational needs of specific industries.
- Workforce needs analysis, including a new approach called laborshed employment studies, which are grabbing national attention.
- Applied research, such as economic base assessment, industry profiles, and integration of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) into economic development efforts.
- Technology assistance.

"Everything we do here has a practical application," says Pilkington. "At the same time, we're always looking for innovations. That's the advantage of working within the university."

For example, a new community economics emphasis for students majoring in economics has been

entity," says Sally Falb, executive director of the Fayette County Economic Development Commission. "And the fact that communities get these high quality services for basically no cost is very important."

IDM is not in the business of making decisions *for* communities, notes Ilene Deckert, formerly with DeWitt's economic development effort and now associate director of industrial technology with Eastern Iowa Community College in Davenport.

"They never did the work for us. It was the mentoring they did that was very helpful. Their role is to help us develop a plan. We are the ones who need the local ownership in the plan.

"What they did was just help us get our act in place," says Deckert. "We had had some success—I think sometimes more by luck and being in the right place at the right time. Then it becomes a matter of 'now that you've had a little success, what do you do next?' They gave us a lot of support and guidance."

IDM has a maturing client base, with 77 percent of clients maintaining long-term relationships with a variety of ongoing projects. The number of new clients is leveling off to approximately 10 percent each year.

"We've always pursued long-term partnerships with our clients," says Pilkington. "There's no way you can ride into town, give a presentation at a

board meeting in the back of the local restaurant and then ride out of town, and expect to have any impact."

"I don't really think there's anybody in the state that does such hands-on, continual partnerships with communities," says Falb. "Others do a one-time session and may fall out of your lives, while the IDM staff continues to guide and make sure things are done.

**B**ob Mundt, president of the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce, also knows the value of having a long-term relationship with the institute. His group first worked with IDM in 1993-94, preparing a community assessment and target industry analysis.

"What they did was to basically take a small portion of our community strategic plan and refine it so we could build our business plan based around those findings. Then, just yesterday, they were in town to help with phase II. Council Bluffs has changed pretty dramatically over the last five years. They were helping us assess strengths and weaknesses and our target market."

**A**ccolades for the IDM staff, which has seen very little turnover in 10 years, indicate that this is very much a people business. "Our staff really believe in what we do here," says Pilkington. "They see a need to help communities help themselves. Most importantly, it's the success the clients are able to achieve that makes the work very rewarding."

"They've certainly proven themselves," says Mundt, "not only for communities our size, but also specifically for smaller communities. They have some research capabilities that I've been impressed with, and they relay the information back to you in a way that is timely, doable and understandable. It helps very much that they're economic development professionals."

"They're all people who have had experience in economic development or chamber work, helping us get things narrowed down to what are the really essential needs and making a plan for how you're going to carry that through," says Falb.

"The staff is knowledgeable about chambers, economic development, planning and communities," says Deckert. "If they say they're going to do it, they do it."



*The dedicated IDM staff: (from left) Cindy Angel, Randy Pilkington, Linda Elliott, William Wood, Ladene Bowen, Drew Conrad, Gene Lawin. Not pictured: Don Chaplain.*

developed in the College of Business Administration, combining curriculum from economics, finance, real estate, political science and economic geography. The first five students were placed in field experiences this summer, helping communities address their need for entry level economic development staff.

"I think a lot of groups would flounder without this kind of outside

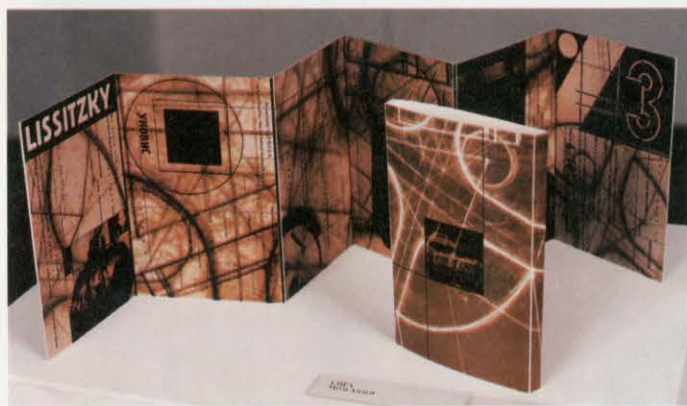
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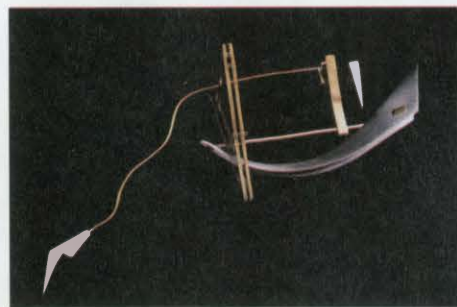


Chris Wubben  
*Apathy*, steel sculpture  
College Hill Arts Festival Merit Award

A.C. Mullan  
*El*, book design  
College of Humanities and Fine Arts Merit Award



Amy Vander Beek  
*Untitled*, bracelet, silver and nugold  
Jewelry/Metals Award



John McGrane  
*Three Emotions*, colored pencil  
College of Humanities and Fine Arts Dean Purchase Award



Gillian Christy  
*Reflections*, charcoal drawing  
Vice President for Advancement Merit Award

Daniel Huising  
*United Self Portraits*, toned photographs and steel rods  
Center for Educational Technology Purchase Award





# The 1998 Annual Juried Student Exhibition

University of Northern Iowa Gallery of Art

Eighty works by 50 students were included in the 1998 Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition this spring, according to Shawn Holz, director of the Gallery of Art in the Kamerick Art Building. Three hundred works by 100 students were submitted for review by the juror.

In a unique turnabout, students were offered a preview of juror Ed Navone's talent when his work was highlighted in a previous exhibition at the gallery. Navone has taught for 30 years and studied contemporary and European art extensively, including Vatican art works not usually open for public viewing.

"This exhibition is the culmination of activities in the art department for the year," Holz says. "Numerous merit and purchase awards are presented during the opening reception. This gives the university and community an opportunity to show support for student creative endeavors and is a

Kyung-Jun Ha  
*Reflection #2*, black and white photograph  
Department of Art Merit Award



source of encouragement for the award recipients and exhibition participants."

## Juror Statement

The quality and variety of work submitted for the annual student exhibition is remarkable and a tribute to both students and faculty. You have ample reason to feel proud. Since what you saw of my work was drawing, it is particularly gratifying to see student work in that area so strong, whether in advanced classes or beginning ones.

When I was in college in the late 1950s, drawing was discouraged by some who couldn't do it themselves! The prevailing modes and approaches familiar to you now will be gone by the time you graduate, but the fundamentals, of which drawing is one, will always be with you.

While selecting the pieces for this exhibition, I was mindful of the need to represent all media and approaches fairly. I'm sure that all of you who work in computer graphics, design,



Laurel Sprengelmeyer  
*Genet*, charcoal drawing  
Presidents Purchase Award

photography, ceramics, as well as "new" areas, have the same high aspirations and desire to be included in exhibitions such as this one as those working in the "traditional" areas. My best wishes for future success to all of you.

Ed Navone  
Professor of Art  
Washburn University  
Topeka, Kansas

Nicholas Orlowski  
*The Atmosphere Affects Us All*, acrylic/collage  
Catherine Haynes Memorial Fund Purchase Award





## Saul and Joan Diamond

# Giving back is what counts

Volunteering is one of the best careers there is, according to Saul and Joan Diamond, both retired from UNI but not from a life of service and dedication to the community of Cedar Falls.

The couple are emeritus faculty at the university, Saul in the College of Business Administration as associate professor of marketing and Joan in the College of Education as a librarian at the Price Laboratory School.

These days, however, the Diamonds can be found at one of the more than a dozen organizations that benefit from the skills and knowledge they've gained over a lifetime.

"It's important to give back to the community," Saul says, describing their motivation.

The typical weekday at the Diamond household in Cedar Falls starts with breakfast together. Then, busy schedules take the couple separate ways until dinner, when they share the highlights of the day's activities.

Saul's efforts help the Sartori Hospital Foundation, the Cedar Falls Historical Society, SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), the United Way, Rotary and Friends of the Hearst Center for the Arts, among others.

Joan volunteers at the university museum and the Hearst Center, records textbooks for the Iowa Department for the Blind, and has recently taken up a new interest in acting and crewing at the Oster Regent Theatre. Other organizations, such as Sartori Hospital, also have a place in her schedule.

Both formerly served on the board of the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Symphony and are now members of the Chamber of Commerce Envoys.

Saul and Joan have been recognized, individually and together, for their community spirit. In fact, the 1997 Cornerstone Award, honoring



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contributions to the quality of life in Cedar Falls, was presented to the entire Diamond family at the Sturgis Falls Celebration.

"Volunteering gives us a way to support the things we want to see in the community," Joan says. "I enjoyed auditing classes when I first retired. Yet, I became distressed about all the bad news on the radio and television. Volunteering is a good counteraction to the negative aspects of modern life."

Saul agrees. "I like meeting and

doing things for someone else — giving back to Cedar Falls," he adds.

As a youngster, Saul participated in Boy Scouts and other youth organizations. He left Cedar Falls for college at Syracuse University and then earned a master's degree in marketing from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He returned to the family's business in Cedar Falls, and then began full-time teaching at UNI in 1967.

Joan came to Price Lab after earning a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois, Champaign. Her childhood in Galesburg, Illinois, also included scouting and youth organizations.

Saul and Joan married in 1965, beginning a partnership based on similar goals and values, if not work styles. "Saul tends to wear himself out and then rest," Joan says. "I try to pace myself."

Retirement, begun for Joan in 1990 and for Saul one year later, includes participating in the Elderhostel program—they've attended 25 seminars so far—and enjoying time to travel.

However, the Diamonds don't leave their volunteering spirit at home. Recently in Hawaii, the couple learned from hotel staff that an upcoming triathlon still needed help. So, one vacation afternoon found them handing out cooling drinks to both runners and other volunteers.

For people just starting to volunteer, Joan suggests, "Don't say yes to anything you won't look forward to. Find what you like to do, and give your heart."

Groups that let volunteers learn and use their skills are the best, according to Joan. Her advice to organizations? "Tap into people's talent. Volunteers can learn to do a lot, not just jobs like putting labels on brochures."

Finding time to do what you love isn't difficult, the Diamonds say. "There's still room in our schedules to do something more," Joan insists, "if the right thing comes along."

—Susan Cornell



## Thomas Phillips

*Happily Ever After*

## SCI alumnus realizes changing his major changed his life

**L**ike most university graduates, W. Thomas Phillips, (BA '66), has fond memories of his alma mater: the beautiful campus, the helpful instructors, the chance for personal growth. But Thomas Phillips' best memory of State College of Iowa is "meeting my wife again for the first time."

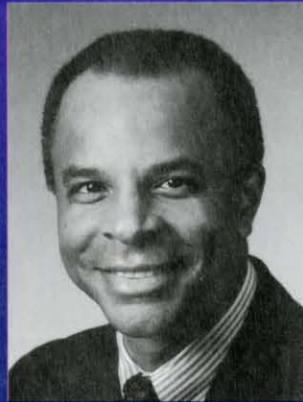
He actually met Carline Bradford as a child. In fact, their families had been friendly years prior to that, in Mississippi. They lived on the same street in Waterloo, during their early days. But it wasn't until the two bumped into one another again on the SCI campus that any emotional attraction was acknowledged. They were married a week after graduation.

Phillips came to SCI during the very turbulent '60s, and was one of only a handful of African Americans at the college. He'd planned to major in accounting, and did excel in the first couple of semesters of study. However, the intermediate accounting course was more than Phillips had bargained for, and he found himself having to complete extra credit projects just to earn a D. He saw the handwriting on the wall and changed his major to general business, where he was much more comfortable. "I learned a lot during my years at SCI," says Phillips with a little laugh, "including the fact that I didn't really want to be an accountant."

He parlayed the degree into a sales position with General Foods Corp., in Chicago, a job he began just about a week after his wedding. "It was the start of my career. Having received a well-rounded and well-grounded education, coupled with the work I did during my time at UNI, I fit well

with the company." He stayed for seven years, and then went on to spend two decades with Quaker Oats, also in Chicago. His positions there ranged from vice president to executive director of the Quaker Foundation. Phillips eventually came to realize that he was a font of information regarding certain practices in the business arena, and he started his own company, offering consulting to small companies and nonprofits.

Five years ago, he heard about an exciting opportunity with Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., a Des Moines company which develops, produces and markets seed corn, soybeans, sorghum, alfalfa and other agricultural products. "It was a chance to move back to Iowa, a place both Carline and I liked very much." Phillips is now the director of community investments, a position which allows him to, quite literally, give away money. He handles all



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philanthropic requests and oversees corporate giving efforts within the 65 countries where the company is active. The annual contributions budget varies between \$5 million and \$7 million. "I'm blessed to be in a position which allows me to effect change and improve others' quality of life," says Phillips. "I like what I do very much."

A firm believer in the concept of "giving back," Phillips sits on various boards of nonprofit organizations, among them the Board of Trustees for the UNI Foundation. "It's a way for me to make a contribution as an alumnus, and to bring a different perspective as an African American," says Phillips, who still considers the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area home. "I got a good start there, and I'd like to work with the foundation to develop more programs, and see more students in the area attend the university."

Phillips and his wife have three grown sons.

—Gwenne Culpepper



# Sharing what means the most

**T**he college experience has a powerful effect on people's lives.

The personal challenges that are faced and the accomplishments that are made can be turning points for students of all ages.

The desire to share these empowering experiences has resulted in new endowed scholarships to help students in two specific areas: education and library science. By establishing scholarships that continue to support students year after year, these donors have fashioned gifts that are most meaningful to them. They can share the college experience with people who will, in turn, use the specific skills and special knowledge that played so large a role in the donors' lives.

## Scholarship Honors Mother's Success

Rigmor Madsen, known as "Rigs," could have been one of the first non-traditional students at UNI. Long before "lifelong learning" became a well-known phrase, Mrs. Madsen went back to college at age 55 in 1961 and graduated with a degree in library science four years later.

"Graduating from college meant a great deal to her," daughter Sonja Kung says. "She found learning satisfying, empowering and liberating."

That's why, since Madsen's death in 1994, her two daughters and two sons decided to honor her by creating the Rigmor Madsen Scholarship Endowment Fund.

"We wanted to help other women have the same opportunity and gain the same satisfaction," another daughter, Carol Gates, says.

**A**fter high school, Madsen started classes at Grand View Junior College and attended the University of Iowa, majoring in physical education. A serious knee injury caused her to discontinue her college career.

Madsen worked as a secretary in a law office and also became a successful businesswoman, both in her own right and later as co-owner of Hart's Food Center with her husband, Hart Madsen.

"She was astute and had good business judgment," Kung says. "She made some bold business decisions for her time."

**S**uccessful in business and married with four children, Madsen took another risk and began college preparation for a new career.

"She had drive," Gates adds. "I remember her walking to campus from home at 16th and Franklin streets on a day when the temperature reached 30 degrees below zero and the car wouldn't start — and she didn't wear a hat! She was purposeful and got things done."

At first, Madsen was somewhat intimidated at starting classes, according to Kung. However, she enjoyed sharing ideas with younger students.

**T**his determination and love of learning was a strong influence on Madsen's family. All four children earned college degrees.

After graduation, Madsen spent five years as a librarian in the Cedar Falls public school system.

The endowed scholarship in Madsen's name will continue to encourage education. Tuition for one semester will be awarded annually to a female non-traditional student in library science at UNI.

## Technology Brings Generations Together

The Internet recently reunited 95-year-old Flossie McClelland, '44, with her alma mater, UNI.

Actually, McClelland was graduated from the Iowa State Teachers College, as UNI was then named.

**E**ducation played an important part throughout her life. ISTC classes led to a satisfying teaching career of more than 50 years. McClelland taught first through ninth grades. After "the war," her husband was an instructor at the University of Idaho for one year before moving to Portland, Oregon, where she taught and he was a radio station broadcast engineer.

"There were many good things about being a teacher," McClelland says. "I loved the children. I had something good to say about each one. It was always sad when summer came, and they moved on to another class."

**A**fter 28 years of retirement, McClelland moved to Corvallis, Oregon. During the move, she lost touch with her old school, but memories of college prompted her to ask her son, Paul, to find the "new name" for ISTC. Using the Internet, he found the UNI web site, and contact was established.

This renewed connection led McClelland to propose an endowed scholarship be created, in the names of her sisters and herself, to benefit a student with an agricultural background who is majoring in education. All four sisters attended ISTC, and three of them became teachers.

"I enjoyed taking classes at the college, particularly the summer program," McClelland recalls.

McClelland recommends the UNI education program. "I hope the scholarship will help other people become teachers," she adds.

—Susan Cornell





## Scholarship campaign builds on local support

**S**tronger ties between local businesses and the university are the goal of the Black Hawk County Business Scholarship Campaign to be initiated in September.

"The local area drive is one component of UNI's upcoming national Students First scholarship campaign," Frank Esser, director of special gifts at UNI, says. "Students First is a planned initiative to raise \$10 million in educational assistance for students, focused in the areas of opportunity, diversity and talent."

Students First is a two-year effort to develop resources for endowed scholarships. Endowed funds provide scholarship support from the interest earned by the principal dollars that donors invest.

"This way, contributions to the endowment fund have a long-term impact," Scott Leisinger, director of athletic development at UNI, explains. "The fund creates a flow of scholarship resources annually for future generations of students."

The goal of the Black Hawk County drive is to raise \$500,000 from area businesses to provide scholarships to Black Hawk County students attending UNI.

"Approximately 20 percent of the UNI student body comes from Black Hawk County," Esser says. "So, contributions to the local drive are a direct investment in the Cedar Valley business leaders of tomorrow."

Two dozen volunteers will be contacting local businesses seeking gifts for academic or intercollegiate athletic scholarships. Contributions of \$10,000 and more qualify organizations for membership in the Presidents Club. Contributions of \$20,000 or more allow organizations to create a named scholarship and establish the criteria used in student applicant selection.

Leisinger and Esser, both of the UNI Foundation staff, are organizing the local drive. Volunteer business leaders chairing the drive are Rose Lorenz, president of University Book and Supply Inc. in Cedar Falls, and Jim Slife, president and owner of The Pioneer Group in Waterloo.

"The most pressing problem for business today is the availability of well-qualified employees," Slife explains. "This partnership between UNI and local business will not only assist the educational process, but also create local resources to support local students at the same time."

Lorenz agrees. "The University of

Northern Iowa has always been a driving economic force in our community," she says. "I'm looking forward to strengthening this partnership that brings cultural and economic vitality to businesses and individuals in Black Hawk County. This campaign will encourage long-term stability for both UNI and the business community."

For more information about the Black Hawk County Business Scholarship Campaign or the Students First campaign, call Leisinger or Esser at the UNI Office for University Advancement at (319) 273-6078.

## Podolefsky named interim provost

**A**aron Podolefsky, dean of UNI's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, has been named interim provost. The appointment will run until a new provost is named to replace Nancy Marlin, who left UNI in May to accept a similar post at San Diego State University. Marlin had served as provost since 1989.

"With Aaron's appointment, we signal our continuing commitment to academic quality," says President Robert Koob. "By appointing a proactive, successful dean to the interim provost position, we assure that UNI will not suffer 'down time' during the period we search for a more permanent replacement for Provost Marlin." Koob says the search for a replacement is expected to take up to one year.

Podolefsky came to UNI as dean in 1990, from a position as professor and head of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work at Western Kentucky University in



Bowling Green. He also had taught at West Virginia University and the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

He served one year as a research associate at Northwestern University's Center for Urban Affairs

and Policy Research on a "Reactions to Crime" project, from which he subsequently published two books and several government reports and scholarly publications. He has gone on to write a dozen books and anthologies on a variety of topics.

He is a national director for Seminars for Departments for the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Deans and travels throughout the country presenting seminars on how to be a department chair.

He holds the Ph.D. with distinction, in anthropology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, where he also earned two master's degrees—in anthropology and in liberal studies.



## Group focuses on building relationships

Since last summer, a new group on the UNI campus has been working to improve the relationship between the university and its many constituencies. Comprised of members from UNI's external relations units, the Constituency Relations Management Group (CRMG) recognizes in its management plan that "building relationships is the foundation upon which the work of each external relations unit is based." Furthermore, the plan states, "The support received by the university depends in large measure upon how it is perceived by its many constituencies."

CRMG Chair Susan Chilcott, director of Public Relations, says, "It's important that people both on and off campus understand and value the university's mission. Participation in CRMG is an opportunity for everyone involved in external relations programs to have a hand in the big picture of planning and coordinating communication with our constituents, both internal and

external."

The plan identifies three goals, with objectives, responsibilities and expected outcomes for each goal. The goals are:

- Create a coordinated, comprehensive and consistent communications effort that enhances the awareness and image of the university;
- Build and strengthen mutually beneficial relationships with UNI's constituents;
- Focus on the value of a UNI education in building a compelling case for public and private support.

President Robert Koob says CRMG is a valuable development for UNI. "It has allowed a wide variety of offices dealing with our various publics to share ideas on the most effective means of communicating with those publics. I'm convinced that their work together has already paid off in higher quality efforts."

Some of the accomplishments of CRMG have been undertaking opinion

research focused on the general public, legislators and decision makers; a return to the State Fair with a UNI exhibit in the summer of 1997 after an absence of almost 30 years; increased participation across campus in the community visitation days; developing a more proactive approach to advisory boards; and development of a targeted cities program, in which the two cities selected (Cedar Rapids and Des Moines) will receive a greater emphasis on a year-round basis.

One area that benefited, according to Director of Placement and Career Services Muriel Stone, was the UNI exhibit at the State Fair. "I am certain that the State Fair project had more energy behind it because more people were committed to it being successful. I see this group acting as 'the glue' for many events which might have occurred in isolation before."

CRMG member Randy Pilkington, director of the Institute for Decision Making, agrees that the CRMG has resulted in greater communication among the units working with UNI's constituency groups. "We've seen better coordination and targeting of our marketing efforts among the UNI units and developed a synergy of working together rather than each unit targeting its own audience. This has resulted in a more consistent message delivery and better efficiency."

## Kellogg Foundation aids Project SERVE

The University of Northern Iowa is continuing work on Project SERVE (Service, Ethical Reflection and Vocational Exploration), a project that has advanced the study and the teaching of applied ethics related to voluntary service, philanthropy and nonprofit organizations.

The project's second phase will be funded by a \$150,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. It is designed to prepare students to enter human service professions with the ability to deal with critical ethical issues through a university-based community service-learning model. Its co-directors are William W. Clohesy, associate professor of philosophy, and David L. Morgan, assistant professor of philosophy.

"The new grant will enable faculty to further integrate voluntary activities and the study of nonprofit organizations into our teaching and research," says Clohesy. "The grant also will enable us to further develop ways that students can engage in voluntary activity as a part of their coursework."

"The nonprofit sector is something of an invisible sector. Our society could not work effectively without nonprofit organizations or without citizens giving of their time and talent for the common good. The SERVE project aims at furthering scholarly reflection upon, and academic involvement with, volunteerism and the nonprofit world in an organized and extended way."

### 1998 NORTHERN IOWA FOOTBALL

(tentative schedule)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 3	at Eastern Michigan	Ypsilanti MI	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 12	McNeese State	Cedar Falls IA	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Southern Illinois*	Carbondale IL	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches TX	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Southwest Missouri State	Cedar Falls IA	6:30 p.m.
(Family Night)			
Oct. 10	Illinois State*	Cedar Falls IA	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Cal Poly-SLO	Cedar Falls IA	1:30 p.m.
(Homecoming)			
Oct. 31	at Indiana State*	Terre Haute IN	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Youngstown State*	Youngstown OH	12:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Western Illinois*	Cedar Falls IA	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	Winona State	Cedar Falls IA	6:30 p.m.
All Times Central *Gateway Football Conference Games			



## Summer construction focuses on three major projects

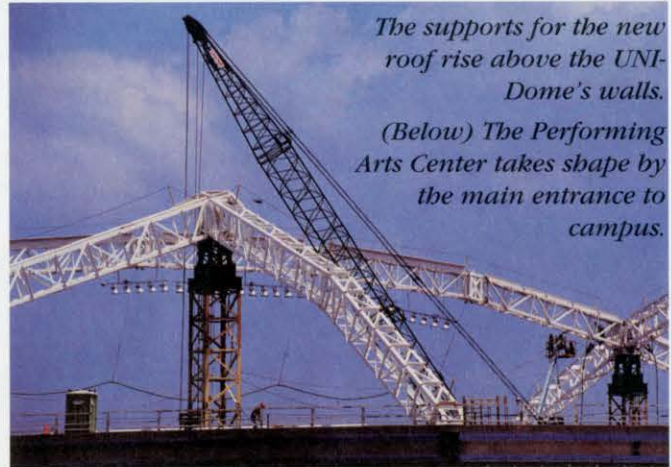
A typical summer on the University of Northern Iowa campus is generally marked by various construction projects. The summer of '98 is no exception. The major construction projects involve the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, Lang Hall and the UNI-Dome.

Construction will be continuing through fall 1999 on the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, according to Director of Facilities Planning Morris Mikkelsen. Much of the traffic around the center this summer will involve cement trucks, as they continue to pour concrete for the structure and do masonry work on the north walls. The Performing Arts Center is expected to open in the spring 2000 semester.

Crews have been working since last summer preparing the perimeter of the UNI-Dome for the new roof. All offices located in the Dome were

moved to temporary quarters in March. The roof replacement is scheduled to be completed in early September, prior to the first home football game Sept. 12, according to Mikkelsen.

Lang Hall renovations should begin in July or August. When completed, the facility will house state-of-the-art computer labs and classrooms for the Communication Studies department. It will also house offices for the Graduate College and Public Policy program.



*The supports for the new roof rise above the UNI-Dome's walls.*

*(Below) The Performing Arts Center takes shape by the main entrance to campus.*



## MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM CAPTURES CHAMPIONSHIP

The spring sports season on the UNI campus was highlighted by the men's track and field team which captured the 1998 Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Championship. The team finished with 138 points and won their first outdoor title since 1995. Illinois State finished second with 127, followed by Southern Illinois in third with 105.

The Panthers were first-time hosts of the MVC Outdoor Championship meet. This was the first major event on the new outdoor track which was dedicated in the fall of 1997.

In other sports news:

Men's golf team concluded its 1997-98 season at the Missouri Valley Conference tournament where the Panthers placed fourth in a roster of nine teams. The team's best showing



was at the Drake Relays Invitational tournament where the Panthers placed second of 12 teams.

UNI women's tennis completed a successful 1997-98 season with a 12-7 overall record including a 10-7 mark for the spring season. This is the best record since 1985-86 when the women's team finished at 13-14.

The softball team finished the 1998 season with its highest placement at the Missouri Valley Conference tournament since 1990, losing in the championship game and taking second place. UNI completed the year with a 26-20 overall record and a 3-2 mark in the MVC tourney.

*Coach Chris Bucknam takes a celebration dunk in the steeplechase pit following the MVC Outdoor Championship.*



# Corporate gift offers students unique learning experience

**S**tudents in UNI's Charter Financial Analyst (CFA) program will receive practical, hands-on experience in investing this fall, as a result of a gift from the Krause Gentle Corporation. Krause Gentle, which operates 158 Kum & Go convenience stores in five Midwestern states, presented a \$100,000 gift to the UNI College of Business Administration. The gift is one of four identical endowments presented to each of the three state universities and Drake University.

The endowment, known as The Krause Challenge, will be placed in a

management fund for students to invest, according to Krause Gentle President and CEO William Krause. "The fund's primary goal is to provide undergraduate students with the quantitative and interpersonal skills necessary to succeed as investment professionals."

Students will work in teams with an advisory committee to recommend



investments and strategies for The Krause Challenge. A portion of the management fund must be invested in Iowa companies.

The fund will be managed by students in the CFA program. Willis Greer, dean of the College of Business Administration, says the potential for experiential learning will greatly enhance the education of the students in the CFA program. "When students actually do, they learn much more than when we tell. By integrating this opportunity into our CFA program, the opportunity to make real-world investment decisions will cause the program to come to life, and we feel it will be lifted into the ranks of one of the very best."

In addition to the monetary donation, one student from each of the four universities will be competitively selected each semester to serve on Krause Gentle's board of directors. Greer says the board appointment is equally appealing. "It will represent a rare opportunity for students to participate in the inside workings of a modern, successful Iowa corporation."

The students will be full, participating board members, and will be paid for attending the board meetings, just as the other board members are paid.

With each of the four major universities in Iowa receiving the same endowment, there is a competitive aspect to the gift as well. Competition categories include: Best Overall Fund Performance; Ability to Obtain Similar Funds from other Iowa-Based Companies; Entrepreneurship/Innovation; and Best Representation to the Krause Gentle Corporation Board of Directors. "Even the Ivy League schools don't have a program where four major universities are competing someplace besides on the gridiron or the basketball court," says Krause.

## AGREEMENT ADDRESSES TEACHER SHORTAGE

**U**niversity of Northern Iowa and North Iowa Area Community College signed an agreement this spring designed to help provide more technology education instructors for Iowa's schools. According to an Iowa Department of Education survey, more than 120 K-12 industrial arts positions were open last year in Iowa; yet, Iowa produced only three new graduates qualified to occupy these positions.

"I am happy that cooperation among the two sectors of public higher education has led to a way to help address the growing need for teachers of technical programs in Iowa schools," says UNI President Robert Koob. "This agreement provides a seamless pathway from NIACC to the technology education program at UNI."

"Technology education" is the contemporary name for what was previously known as industrial technology or industrial arts, according to Charles Johnson, UNI

professor of industrial technology, who worked with others from both campuses to develop the agreement. "Technological literacy is crucial in the world in which we now live, in terms of both understanding society and making career decisions," he says.

As teachers, graduates of the program will play a critical role in helping to prepare their students for careers, says Johnson. "Knowledge of technology translates into power in terms of getting jobs. Jobs have changed over the years and have become more complex. Technology education is one means of introducing kids to what technology is and how it is used appropriately and safely."

With the articulation agreement in place, students should be able to minimize the length of time required to complete their B.A. degree because their coursework has been designed to incorporate courses at the community college level that will not only transfer, but be applicable toward their bachelor's degree requirements.



## Retirees complete more than a millennium of service

The 40th Annual Recognition Breakfast was held Saturday, May 2, honoring 45 employees who have retired within the 1997-98 fiscal year, after devoting 10 or more years of full-time service to the University of Northern Iowa. This year's honorees together have completed more than 1,125 years of service.

The individuals honored this year include (years of service follow in parentheses):

**College of Business Administration:** Donald Cummings, assistant professor of economics (35); Gaylon Halverson, professor of accounting (34); Robert Waller, professor of management (29).

**College of Education:** Wanda Green, assistant professor of physical education (31); James Hantula, associate professor of teaching-social studies (33); Joyce McKinley, clerk typist II, Price Lab (20); Paul "P.J." Porter, associate professor of education (30); Audrey Smith, assistant professor of education (25); John Tarr, professor of teaching-mathematics (36); William Waack, professor/director of teacher education (21); Harriett Whitmer, secretary III, HPCLS (12); Marcus Yoder, associate professor of education (27).

**College of Humanities and Fine Arts:** Joyce Applegate, secretary III, Communicative Disorders (21); Elverda "Butch" Bender, secretary III, Art (37); David Crownfield, professor of philosophy and religion (34); Barbara Davis, secretary IV, CHFA (17); Fred Hallberg, associate professor of philosophy (31); Donald "D.C." Hawley, professor of Spanish (32); Thomas Remington, professor of English (27); Alice Swensen, associate professor of English (20); Robert J. Ward, professor of English (34).

**College of Natural Sciences:** Ervin A. Dennis, professor of industrial technology (25); Carl Meusel, storekeeper II, Chemistry (14); Hyo Myung, professor of mathematics (27); Alan Orr, professor of biology (33);

**College of Social and Behavioral Sciences:** Lyle Alberts, assistant professor of political science (33); Mary Franken, professor of family services (29); Robert Kramer, assistant professor of sociology (33); Rosemarie Skaine, secretary III, Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology (23); Joanne Spaide, associate professor of dietetics (24);

**Administration and Finance:** Darlyce Drum, administrative assistant (36).

**Controller's Office:** Harriett McMahon, secretary IV (14).

**Facilities Planning:** Grant Christensen, project manager/inspector (10).

**Human Resource Services:** Loren Allen, benefits and systems manager (16); Delma "Dee" Weikert, secretary III (29).

**Intercollegiate Athletics:** John "Jersey" Jermier, associate athletic director/sports management (18).

**Maucker Union:** Mary Burkes, secretary I (13).

**Plant Services:** Duane Anders, director (15); Neil Havens, sign painter (20); James Ilax, steamfitter (19); Lonnie Piper, manager of

operational maintenance (16); Herb Wheeler, area mechanic (18).

**Office of the Registrar:** Jack Wielenga, student records and retention director (39).

**Department of Residence:** Marvel Rittgers, cook I, Commons Dining (25).

**Rod Library:** Lorraine Moeller, clerk I (12).

## Martha Reineke receives AAUW distinguished faculty award

The Iowa chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) presented its 1998 Distinguished Faculty award to Martha J. Reineke, an associate professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion. She was named for her exemplary contributions toward creating a climate of gender equity in education. To be considered, a candidate for the award must also demonstrate competence in research, teaching and service.

Reineke also is director of the Graduate Program in Women's Studies, which she helped to found. The graduate program, in only its fourth year of existence, already enjoys a highly international student body. Reineke says, "The ability of the



program to contribute to equity for women by preparing leaders in countries around the world is really important. Thus far students have been recruited from China, Chile, Hungary, India, Japan and the United States.

The UNI program in women's studies is one of less than 10 in the United States."

Her research specialty addresses the intersections of women, violence and religion in the history of the Christian West. Her book, *Sacrificed Lives: Kristeva on Women and Violence*, was published by Indiana University Press in 1997. She has nearly 40 published academic articles, and since she joined the UNI faculty in 1984, she has given over 30 professional presentations.

## Miller will join Foundation staff

Eldon Miller, who recently stepped down after 12 years as head men's basketball coach at the University of Northern Iowa, will bring his knowledge of the institution and its programs, both academic and athletic, into play for the University of Northern Iowa Foundation. Miller will join the UNI Foundation this summer to assist them in determining the level of private support that might be gained for future projects. "The basketball arena would certainly be one to be investigated and there may be more," Joe Mitchell, vice president for university advancement and president of the UNI Foundation, says.

He adds, "We're very fortunate that Eldon has an interest in helping us in this area and excited about the potential that his work will provide. He will be talking with leaders throughout the state, and beyond, about the possibility of some private funding for facilities for the university. His excellent reputation, his contacts throughout the state and nation, and his values—values that we, as a university, strive to advance—are all assets that combine to make him a wonderful addition to our advancement team."





# "National Geographic: The Photographs" now showing at the University Museum

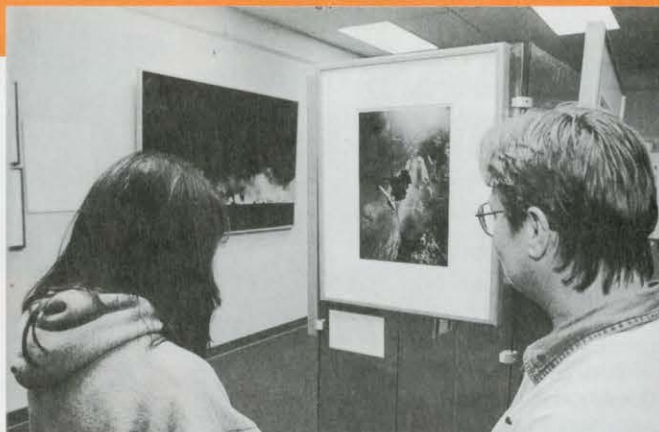
More than 80 photographs are on display at the University Museum, now through August, in an exhibit titled "National Geographic: The Photographs." It is a provocative look at the world from the vantage point of some of *National Geographic's* most talented photographers. The *National Geographic* exhibit is sponsored by the Museum and the Willis Wagner Endowment Fund.

*National Geographic* has set the pace in visual journalism with the advancement of photographic and printing technology over the last 100 years. The images gathered in this exhibit develop several different themes. One section supports the mission of the National Geographic Society—"the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge." The images document personal life within Old

World cultures and other faraway places.

The photos on display also record remarkable animals of the wild kingdom. The photographers anticipate the animals so that the shots are candid and in their natural world. In "The Great Oceans of Discovery" section, visitors will be amazed by the photographers' pursuit of the underwater world, learning as they go, improving technology, overcoming the dangers of weather, darkness and cold.

"The Sciences" section continues to focus on the impact of science and technology on society. Recording the advancements of science has been



possible over the years because of the advancement of photographic technology.

The Museum's permanent exhibits include pieces from an international collection of over 110,000 items; they provide exposure to many countries and cultures, as well as animals from the region and abroad. The Museum is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and weekends 1-4 p.m.

## Luncheon honors UNI supporters

Members of the Old Central Associates took a peek into today's classroom during a luncheon program in their honor this spring.

Old Central Associates recognizes a special group of friends who have provided for the University of Northern Iowa in their estate plans. The group is named for "Old Central," the original building on the UNI campus.

The luncheon program, focusing on UNI's leadership in elementary education, showed appreciation for the associates' gifts by showcasing university accomplishments and campus life. It was hosted by the University of Northern Iowa Foundation.

"Old Central Associates have made a thoughtful and generous gesture in their forward planning for the

university and its students," John McCarty, UNI director of gift planning, says.

New facilities and technologies bring continuing change to the 900-acre campus. Nationally recognized programs attract students from around the world. Sustaining this momentum depends on a strong partnership between the university and its family of friends, according to McCarty.

"We appreciate the support given by the Old Central Associates and are looking forward to hosting future events for this special group," McCarty says.



To date, more than 350 individuals have included UNI in their estate planning and wills.

For more information about joining the Old Central Associates, call McCarty at (319) 273-6078 or 1-800-782-9522.





## From the Executive Director

During the past two years, the University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association has participated in a university-wide effort to make Iowa our campus. Part of the plan in accomplishing that has been the design of a program called "Community Visitation Days." This program has taken university faculty, staff, administrators and students to Spencer, the Quad Cities, Council Bluffs and Decorah. President Koob has been in attendance at all of the visits and has taught chemistry classes, led forums on higher education, visited with prospective students and their parents, and spoken to service clubs.

At the end of the day the Alumni Association hosts a reception where alumni can visit with the president, discuss university issues with him and offer their suggestions as to how the University of Northern Iowa can better serve their communities.



Following that reception, prospective students and their parents gather for a light supper and to participate in a discussion with the Student Alumni Ambassadors. This student group represents our university with such pride and enthusiasm. It is a joy to listen to them describe student life at UNI to others who may be interested in attending. When this program is near your community I hope that you will attend. We would love to visit with you.

Many of you know of the plans to renovate Lang Hall and design plans are currently underway for that project. We are in the process of identifying ways to involve alumni in this project and will be providing you with information in the next several months.

Alumni programming continues to develop. We welcome your suggestions as to what would serve your interests and needs. We are redesigning the alumni travel program; as memberships continue to grow so do our club programs. We are excited about the alumni placement program which will be of great assistance to many of our graduates as they change careers or wish to relocate.

We very much enjoy hearing from you. You may contact us by e-mail at [info@unialum.org](mailto:info@unialum.org) or see us on the World Wide Web at [www.unialum.org](http://www.unialum.org). The Alumni Association Executive Board held its retreat in June and we are excited about our new set of goals. We have great possibilities and are enthusiastic that you will share them with us.

—Noreen Hermansen, MA '71

## Your Association is "on the go!"

A message from Beverly Riess, Alumni Association president



On behalf of the University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association Board of Directors I bring you greetings. It has been such a fun and eventful year being president of this

organization! The board is made up of a diverse group of dynamic people. They bring progressive ideas to the meetings and are always eager to work on a committee or help out in any way that is needed. When we are together one can feel the energy in the room! That energy has been put to many good uses. I will tell you about some of them in this article and others you will read about elsewhere in *Northern Iowa Today*.

The Alumni Placement program is a go and we are delighted. The business plan is written, the equipment is being tested and the placement office will soon have help available to assist alumni who are looking for career changes as well as to help employers who are looking for the best employees...UNI graduates. If you are interested, either as an employer or employee, please call the Placement Office. They are eager to be of assistance.

Membership in the Alumni Association continues to grow. Our student callers have helped to increase membership by approximately 40 percent. Thanks to all of you, alumni and friends, who continue to support our programming with your membership dollars. The benefit list for members includes discounts on merchandise, a 13-month calendar which features photographs of the campus and a listing of all Alumni Association sponsored events, along with athletic, music, theatre and other university-sponsored activities.

If you have already purchased your copy of *The Purple Pantry Cookbook*, you know how well our alumni eat! The recipes are outstanding and the cover, illustrated by alumnus, Gary Kelley, is something you should own. The book can be purchased from the Office of Alumni Relations,

University Book and Supply in Cedar Falls and the Mole Hole in Des Moines. The newest edition to our merchandise is a replica of the UNI-Dome. It was designed and manufactured by Liberty Classics, a company owned by association board member Eric Stoneman and his family. The Domes are a limited edition and will be available for sale this summer.

The University of Northern Iowa Alumni

Association will be on the go this summer. Look for us at the University Welcome Tent during RAGBRAI in Cedar Falls on July 23; we will also have a tent set up with merchandise during the College Hill Arts Festival in late July. We will help to host a reception during the School Administrators Conference in Des

Moines early in August and for the second year alumni will assist with the University of Northern Iowa booth at the Iowa State Fair. It is always enjoyable to have the opportunity to get together with other alumni on campus in Cedar Falls or as we travel around the state of Iowa. Keep in touch with the Office of Alumni Relations and let us know when you would like to have us help out with a special event in your community.

This fall will be the kick off of the Students First Campaign. (See story on page 15.) The Alumni Association is participating in this drive by establishing an endowed University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association Scholarship. I encourage you to participate in the Alumni Scholarship Campaign; you may receive information as to how to do this by calling 888-UNI-ALUM. I cannot think of anything that will be more meaningful or helpful to our students than helping to make more scholarship dollars available to them. I hope you agree and will be as eager as the board of directors are to help out with this challenge.

Thanks for all you do for our university through your generous contributions of time, talent and support.





# Alumni, faculty named 1998 Heritage Honours awardees

## CLASS OF 1943 OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

### Barbara Lounsberry '69, '71



Lounsberry's specialty is the teaching of writing. And writing is more than finding more elegant ways of putting the words together. Good writing reflects good thought; by learning and thinking

well, writing improves. Those were the guiding premises behind her founding (in 1981) of the "Iowa Student as Critic Conference," an essay competition and conference for all Iowa high school and collegiate undergraduate students.

In 1984 she also founded *Draftings*, a published journal showcasing the best in UNI undergraduate and graduate research and writing.

Just as cogent thought begets good writing, Lounsberry believes scholarship improves classroom teaching. Her own research resulted in authoring four books, seven book chapters, 32 published articles and over 800 published reviews. In 1994 she won UNI's Distinguished Scholar Award, along with Distinguished Service Awards from the Iowa Humanities Board and Sigma Tau Delta. The best measure is in the quality of her students: many now can be counted among the highest ranks of their chosen professions.

## MCKAY FACULTY RESEARCH AWARD

### David Buch



The body of work attributed to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart has grown a little larger, thanks to David J. Buch, professor of music history at the University of Northern Iowa.

Buch discovered that portions of a Viennese opera from the early 1790s were actually the work of the famous composer. He made the discovery while studying manuscripts of musical scores in Hamburg, Germany. In findings published in the November, 1997 *Cambridge Opera Journal*, he proposes that Mozart made significant contributions to *Der Stein der Weisen* ("The Philosopher's Stone") and possibly

collaborated on a second, *Der Wohltätige Derwisch* ("The Beneficent Dervish"). Buch's research included meticulous examinations of *Der Stein der Weisen*'s manuscripts and copies. He announced his findings after years of research and scholarship and months of a rigorous authentication process to prove the works were by Mozart's hand. Buch has opened the possibility of the existence of new Mozart works.

With Mozart's collaboration now known, there is interest in staging the once obscure works. Buch is preparing the libretto and score for the Boston Baroque's modern premiere—the first in 200 years—of *Der Stein der Weisen* in October 1998. The Stuttgart Opera wants to be the first in Europe to perform it.

Based on his research and findings, Buch has been named the 1998 Distinguished Scholar, the 17th faculty member to earn the distinction.

## 1998 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

### Greg Stefanich



In an era of narrow specialization and careerism, it is rare to find a professor with wide-ranging interests, scholarship, experience, leadership and service. By contributing in a

number of different education-related issues, Greg Stefanich, professor of curriculum and instruction, is truly education's renaissance man.

Stefanich is a pioneering researcher and practitioner in the teaching of science to students with disabilities. He is an officer and past president for the Association of Science Education for Persons with Disabilities, and he is the founding editor of the *Journal of Science for Students with Disabilities*. He has directed or served as a National Science Foundation staff member for grants totaling over \$2 million to advance this interest area.

At the state level, Stefanich was one of the first to create a state-wide association to serve middle-level students. This resulted in the Iowa Association of Middle Level Educators in 1979, which now numbers over 1,500 educators.

Internationally, he has served on 21

teams assisting with educational practices. He has worked with educators in Panama, Germany, Greece, Spain, China, Japan, Korea and Okinawa. On two occasions he worked with educators in Slovakia under UNI's Orava Project, which strives to reform and democratize the schools in Eastern Europe.

Stefanich's work with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has won accolades as well. He has served on over 45 university accreditation teams.

Stefanich's service to UNI students is extraordinary: he has coordinated outdoor experiences for over 10,000 students, has served on over 200 master of arts in education thesis committees and 15 doctor of education committees. At UNI he has been awarded the 1996 College of Education Service Award and was named the university's Distinguished Scholar in 1994.

## Alumni Achievement Awards

### ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### Curtis Froyen '70



Froyen, high school science teacher at Knoxville, Iowa, sees science as a big adventure, a journey he invites his students to share with him. His own rural acreage became his

students' outdoor laboratory, where they could monitor streams, lakes and ponds, do population studies, discover the effects of agricultural pollution and become actively involved in solving environmental problems. The possibilities are limited only by students' imagination.

With his unique approach to teaching, science has become the most popular course at Knoxville High. Today, 60 percent of Knoxville students take science electives beyond those required for graduation, compared to a national average of 12 percent. One-third of the students have joined the science club, making it the largest organization in the school. The Knoxville Science Club becomes actively involved in tree plantings, the preservation of wildlife habitat and other environmental issues. The club's alumni list includes 350 graduates who went on to earn college degrees in the sciences; one student became a Rhodes Scholar.





Each year Froyen takes about 20 students on a two- to three-week field trip, averaging 5,000 miles. Students become actively involved in research and environmental studies at research centers, national and provincial parks, and museums and science centers across North America.

In 1997 Froyen was selected to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching in Iowa. He also has been named the NABT Outstanding Biology Teacher in Iowa two times, and is a three-time winner of the Governor's Volunteer Award for Youth Involvement.

### ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

#### H. Edward Phillips '68



Managing health care services in an organization as large as the United States Navy requires extraordinary leadership and integrity. That is how colleagues describe Rear Admiral H. Edward

Phillips, director, Medical Resources Plans and Policy Division and director, Medical Resources Corps of the U.S. Navy. Phillips was commissioned an Ensign after graduating from UNI and has since provided 30 years of distinguished service to his country.

In his role as director of the Medical Service Corps, Phillips is responsible for developing, coordinating and representing the Navy Medical Department on plans and policies affecting 3,500 active and reserve Naval Medical Corps officers in 32 diverse science, clinical and administrative specialties.

As director of Medical Resources, Plans and Policies Division, he is the lead planner for Navy medicine, ensuring that medical assets and requirements are correctly utilized and to assure the medical readiness throughout the fleet and the fleet main force. He plans an annual budget of \$4.6 billion in support of over 50,000 officers, enlisted and civilian personnel working in Navy medicine.

Rear Admiral Phillips' military awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal and two National Defense Medals.

### DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

#### Parke Behn

There is no part of community life in



Cedar Falls-Waterloo that hasn't been improved by the deeds of Parke Behn.

A native of Monticello, Iowa, Parke and his wife, Marlene, grew fond of the community while students at the University of Northern Iowa. They adopted Cedar Falls as their new home, and have served as beacons of the community ever since.

As a member of the planning committee for the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center (now under construction on the UNI campus), he helped ensure that his home community will have a landmark facility for cultural enrichment through the performing arts. Behn serves as chairman of the board for Cedar Falls' Sartori Memorial Hospital, guiding that institution through a recent merger with Covenant Medical Systems, for whom he also serves as a director. He is a founding member of the UNI Athletic Club and guided the UNI Suzuki School's recent endowment campaign. The Behns are members of the UNI Presidents Club.

A long-time supporter of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra, Behn joined the board of directors at a time they were voting to dissolve. He was elected chair; the organization flourished under his leadership. With the symphony poised to move into the Gallagher-Bluedorn Center, its future never has been brighter. In tribute, he has been named a lifetime honorary member of the symphony's board of directors.

Professionally, Behn has worked as an agent and district manager for Fidelity Union Life Insurance. He then joined Control-O-Fax Corporation, where he became national sales manager. A co-founder and senior vice president of Professional Office Systems, Inc., Behn guided that company into a national presence in the health care business management industry. He also worked as a sales consultant for Medical Technology, Inc., and today is a semi-retired sales and marketing consultant.

### YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

#### Michelle Hyde Swanson '91, '97



On a warm spring day at Cedar Falls' Southdale Elementary School, the small gymnasium is transformed into an auditorium of sorts, packed with parents, grandparents and siblings

on metal folding chairs. The first grade performers file in place on the risers, tugging on clip-on neckties, smoothing skirts. Their teacher, accompanying on the piano, plays the introduction, smiling broadly at her young charges, helping them along by exaggeratedly lip-syncing the words to the song.

Michelle Hyde Swanson goes well beyond exposing students to music and song. She uses her planning time to organize choral groups. She plans and produces the well-attended concerts for all elementary grades. Her groups regularly perform across the area, and she organized and directs the Sturgis Falls Children's Choir. She also chairs a school-wide committee which improves education across the curriculum. A respected educator at Southdale and North Cedar schools, UNI music education students often observe and student teach in her classroom.

As a UNI student she was the pianist for the award-winning UNI Varsity Men's Glee Club. In fact, she returned to that role in 1996 when the Glee Club needed a pianist for a semester.

In a letter of nomination, a colleague wrote, "She creates such a motivational classroom environment by giving students the freedom to explore and create through music. She encourages thought-provoking questions and alternative ways to problem solve. This is done within a disciplined and gently controlled setting. She is deeply respected and loved by each student and all staff members."

Her ability to turn fidgety first graders into spirited performers is but a small part of her repertoire. She is proud of the music education she received at UNI, and has parlayed that pride into a McElroy Trust Gold Star Award for Outstanding Teaching.

### ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

#### David Deeds '90



There is something about the experiences gained at the University of Northern Iowa that create a lifetime of pride. Even though David Deeds graduated just eight years ago, he can be counted

among our most loyal alumni—in word and in action.

His professional career has taken him from Des Moines, then Kansas, and now to the Chicago area, but he regularly returns to Cedar Falls to attend UNI athletics and alumni events. He organizes alumni events





during annual Homecoming events, and encourages his employers to continue to hire UNI's outstanding accounting graduates.

Deeds is a member of the UNI Athletic Club and is a lifetime member of the UNI Alumni Association.

After earning his degree in accounting and passing the CPA exam, Deeds joined the Big 6 accounting firm Ernst & Young's Des Moines office. He then joined the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation's Topeka, Kansas office, first as an internal auditor, eventually as director of internal financial reporting. While working full time he completed his MBA at the University of Kansas. He relocated to Schaumburg, Illinois, where he is director of external financial reporting for the \$8.2 billion transportation company.

Deeds also is active in professional and

civic organizations and is a leader in local-level political campaigns.

### FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY AWARD

#### David A. Roberts



When the University of Northern Iowa Athletics Department asks David Roberts for help, "no" is not the answer they're ever likely to hear. He has spent countless hours serving the UNI Athletic Club as a volunteer and fundraiser. And you can always count on Roberts, his wife, Pat, and friends at the UNI-Dome and at some out-of-state contests, cheering for their beloved Panthers.

Throughout the 1980s, Roberts began his

climb through the ranks of the UNI Athletic Club's Board of Directors. He has served as a fund drive captain six times and is a member of the board's executive committee, which sets Athletic Club policy.

In 1994 Roberts took on the challenging task of chairing the Athletic Club fund drive, which involves coordinating more than 150 volunteers and raises over \$1 million annually for UNI athletics scholarships and support. He served as Athletic Club president in 1995.

Roberts is president of Waterloo Mills Company in Waterloo. Each year his company contributes thousands of dollars toward the advancement of the UNI athletic program. He contributes to the annual fund, making gifts to support campaign projects, participates in corporate sponsorships and is receptive to supporting any program or project that benefits UNI athletics.

## ALUMNI CLUB NEWS

### LOS ANGELES

Mark Messersmith '66 hosted 40 alumni and friends for brunch on February 7. Alumni Association President Beverly Riess brought greetings, followed by remarks from President Robert Koob '62, who shared his vision for the University of Northern Iowa. Everyone had a good time sharing their campus stories, along with comments about their lives today.

### PHOENIX

Alumni and friends living in the Phoenix area gathered on February 14 for Brunch at the Biltmore Hotel. Bruce Marquis, director of the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, spoke to the group about the building progress at the center. He also provided insight into the type of programming that will occur in the hall. Bruce shared some visuals of how the building will ultimately look and encouraged those in attendance to return to campus for a performance in the new facility. Noreen Hermansen, director of Alumni Relations, gave a campus update and introduced former director of Alumni Relations, Lee Miller '52 and his wife Donnabelle '51, who were in attendance.

### DES MOINES

Alumni working at the Principal Financial Group in Des Moines held an alumni gathering over their lunch hour on April 8. President Robert Koob '62, and head wrestling coach Mark Manning, were the featured speakers. This is the first alumni event held at the work place and it was very successful. Thanks to Patti VanThomme '77

and Daryl VanWoert '79 and their committee for their fine work in organizing this function.

### MASON CITY

The Mason City Club met on the NIACC campus in April. Sue Grosboll, director of the UNI Museum, and Kay Thuesen, development director for the Museum, presented the program. Brad Halverson, assistant director of Alumni Relations, was in attendance and presented an update from campus. Karen Dole '73 is president of the Mason City Alumni Club.

### KANSAS CITY

Chad Harberts '90 and Julie Wood Stoll '85, co-presidents of the Kansas City group, have great plans for those alumni and friends living in the Kansas City/Lawrence area. May 29th they commissioned The Other Place in Overland Park as the official headquarters of the Kansas City UNI Alumni Club. Watch your mail for upcoming events. Chad and Julie promise you a lot of fun with a little seriousness occasionally thrown in for good measure.

## 1998-99 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 23	Cedar Valley: RAGBRAI	December 6	Chicago: 5th Annual Holiday Brunch
August 13-23	Des Moines: Iowa State Fair	January 17	Phoenix: Brunch
August 15	Rocky Mountain: Shakespeare Festival	February 2	Legislative Breakfast
September 2	Cedar Rapids/Iowa City: Breakfast Meeting	February 4	Stockton, CA: Reception
September 14	New York City: Luncheon	February 5	Sacramento, CA: Reception
September 17	Washington, DC: Reception	February 6	San Francisco: Brunch
October 5	Twin Cities	February 7	Los Angeles: Brunch
October 7	Cedar Rapids/Iowa City: Breakfast Meeting	Feb 26-Mar 1	St. Louis: Missouri Valley Men's Basketball Tournament
October 16	UNI Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting	April 17	Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
October 17	Homecoming - UNI Alumni Association Tailgate		Heritage Honours Banquet
October 23	Dallas: Reception	April 27	Mason City
October 25	Houston: Brunch	May	Northeast Wisconsin
November 4	Cedar Rapids/Iowa City: Breakfast Meeting	May 6-8	Class of 1949 50-Year Golden Reunion
November	Kansas City	June	Chicago: Ravinia in the Park (Date to be set when concert season is established)
November 17	Mason City	June 4	Class of 1939 60-Year Reunion
December 2	Cedar Valley: UNI/ISU Tailgate		Some dates subject to adjustment. Watch your mailbox for detailed event information. Or call the UNI Office of Alumni Relations at 319-273-2355 or toll free at 1-888-UNI-ALUM (888-864-2586).



# CLASS NOTES

**'26 Marlys Schwarck Eyre**, BA, Cert. '28, donated \$100,000 toward the Heritage Center & Agricultural Hall building project in Grundy Center.

**'32 Rosamond Rathbone Demman**, 2-yr, BS '34, retired and is active in community and fraternal organizations.

**'36 Josephine Cover Kasiske**, 2-yr, volunteers at the elementary school and United Methodist Church in Covina, CA. She is also an active member of Pi Lambda Theta at Cal State Los Angeles and the Cal State Retired Teachers' Association.

**'42 Marian Dickinson**, BA, received the 1998 Iowa Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Hall of Fame Award. She retired in 1987.

**'48 Richard W. Nystuen**, BA, retired from the central administration of Cedar Falls Community Schools in 1989. He continues to live in Cedar Falls and he spends winters in Florida.

**'49 Emmett Steele**, BA, conducted opening concerts of the "The World of George Gershwin" festival in St. Petersburg and Moscow. He conducted his program "Gershwin Gala - Porgy and Bess" featuring American soloists Vivian Martin and John Swift.



Steele

**'50 Betty Genck Brooks**, 2-yr, is completing her senior year at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, after being out of school for 26 years.

**'51 Bernard J. Brommel**, BA, made an endowment titled "The Bernard J. Brommel Award for Outstanding Scholarship or Distinguished Service in Family Communication" to the National



Brommel

Communications Association. He recently retired as a professor of speech and performing arts at Northeastern Illinois University. **Gordon L. Cawelti**, BA, is researching schools that enroll children from low-income families and are accomplishing high levels of achievement. **William Howard**, BA, is a member and organizer of the "Four Stackers," a group of ex-sailors and the spouses of deceased sailors who served on destroyers in the Asiatic Fleet during World War II. **Beverly Fairlie Irwin**, BA, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary to DeWayne Irwin by taking a Caribbean cruise via the Panama Canal in May 1997. They moved to Mountain Home, ID, in June after 40 years in Riverside, CA.

**'52 Janet Templeman Bailey**, 2-yr, retired after teaching for 28 years in Iowa, Oregon and Texas. **DeWayne E. Irwin**, BA, celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary to Beverly Irwin by taking a Caribbean cruise via the Panama Canal in May 1997. They moved to Mountain Home, ID, in June after 40 years in Riverside, CA. **Mary Stout Stierwalt**, 2-yr, is the mayor of Chariton and co-owns Family Shoe in Chariton with her husband, Berns.

**'53 Arloa L. Olsen Franson**, 2-yr, BA '74, retired from Central City Community School after teaching there for 37 years. She lives in Coggon.

**'54 Evelyn Peterson Ford**, 2-yr, retired from teaching after 23 years at Tipton Elementary School. **William E. Linstrom**, BA, retired from his position as the associate vice provost for extension at the Iowa State University Extension.

**'55 Jean McGrew**, BA, MA '58, retired as superintendent of the Glenbrook High School District in Glenview, IL, to accept a faculty appointment at Loyola University in Chicago. **Richard C. Potts**, BA, retired in June 1997 after 40 years of teaching English and social studies - the last 32 in Clinton.

**'56 James L. Heinselman**, BA, MA '60, was named chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District. **Phyllis Jacobson Holmes**, BA, is a travel consultant at Lincoln Center Travel in Scottsdale, AZ. **William Holmes**, BA, retired from the Scottsdale Arizona School System after 37 years. He was the head of the counseling and guidance department of Chaparral High School. **Allan "Ted" Lyons**, BA, MA '60, retired as superintendent of Southeast Webster Community School district. **Janice Watson Strawn**, 2-yr, teaches second grade in the Jefferson-Scranton school system, where she has taught for over 30 years. **Paul K. Yap**, BA, MA '64, is traveling with his wife, Sallie, and works part-time as a supervisor of student teachers at National University in San Diego. He retired as principal at San Diego Schools seven years ago.

**'57 Harold Baeth**, BA, was inducted into the Officials' Hall of Fame. He is a former coach and teacher at Moorhead, Soldier and Bayard. **Sandra Brauener Bell**, 2-yr, BA '60, announced her candidacy for the Linn County Board of Supervisors. **Robert E. Elmore**, BA, retired after 31 years in the insurance industry. He lives in Pinehurst, NC. **Marilana Ogle Sutter**, 2-yr, retired from teaching after 36 years. She most recently taught third grade for the Valley of Elgin School District.

**'58 Donald Holmstrom**, MA, was the speaker for North Fayette High School's annual induction ceremony for the National Honor Society. He retired in 1997 from his position as superintendent of schools in Iowa and Illinois.

**'59 William L. Kibble**, BA, retired and is now teaching part-time at Kirkwood

Community College. He recently traveled to France, Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland. **Linfred C. McGrane**, BA, is a retired business education teacher.

**'60 William D. Gardner**, BA, retired after 33 years of teaching and coaching. **Rudy Kubik**, BA, received the Healthfield Professional Volunteer Award for his volunteer work at the Mental Health Institute and the Independence



Kubik

community. He is the director of dental services at MHI, a position he has had for the past 22 years. **Norman G. Wolfe**, BA, lives in Iowa but spends winters in Texas. He enjoys golfing, fishing and attending sporting events.

**'61 James H. Brannon**, BA, MA '67, retired from teaching at Ames Community Schools. **James Ferguson**, BA, is the new superintendent for the Colfax-Mingo School District. **Roger D. Reas**, MA, is on the Park Falls School District school board and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress following his retirement in 1994. He is also a substitute teacher and he works part-time for Whitetails Unlimited.

**'62 Kellvyn N. Hood**, BA, was selected as Oregon's Principal of the Year. He will join 49 other state principals in Washington D.C. in October. **Edward Ware**, BA, retired after 35 years of teaching, 30 in Muscatine.

**'63 Les Lewis**, BA, MA '68, is seeking the Democratic nomination for state representative in House District 12. He is a teacher and farmer in Denison. **Sharron Hanson McElmeel**, BA, is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 55th District seat in the Iowa House of Representatives. She is a library media specialist at Harrison Elementary School and was nominated for the 1997 Teacher of the Year Award. **Joanne Ervin Miller**, BA, MA '66, is the English department chair at William Henry Harrison High School in LaFayette, IN. She has received grants for independent study of comparative mythologies and she has published work on *Hamlet* and AP test preparation. **Oliver D. Pierce**, BA, is the Omaha division controller of the Waldinger Corporation. He founded the Nebraska Chapter of the Construction Financial Managers Association. **Alice Burkhead Schumacher**, BA, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She teaches piano lessons and does volunteer work for the Dallas County Hospital Auxiliary, Perry First United Methodist Church and Perry Fine Arts. **Richard C. Schutt**, BA, celebrated the fifth anniversary of his heart transplant. He also completed his second pet care center with an animal hospital and boarding kennel. **Barb Vogt Witzel**, BA, was named "Best Teacher in the Cedar Valley" in a poll sponsored by the *Waterloo Courier*. She teaches sixth grade at Cedar Heights School in Cedar Falls.

**'64 Bill J. Bonnstetter**, BA, MA '69, won a patent for a software program that helps





employers predict how successful an individual might be in a specific job. He is the founder, CEO and president of Target Training International, Inc. **Louise N. Gregory**, BA, retired after 34 years of teaching, coaching and counseling. She was at Blevins Junior High School in Fort Collins, CO, for the past 28 years. **Marilyn Burrows Spores**, BA, is the vice president of advancement services at the Florida State University Foundation.

**'65 Robert C. Heusser**, BA, works in electron microscopy for the Cedars Sinai and UCLA medical centers. He also works with amateur radio. **Jo Thompson Larsen**, BA, teaches third grade at Colo-NESCO Community School. **Glendon Peterson**, BA, was the March "Employee of the Month" at Le Mars Community Schools, where he has taught physics and math for the past 33 years. **Dennis Webner**, BA, SpEd '77, retired as the superintendent of Maple Valley Community School. **Karen Perrigo Wilson**, BA, is an assistant principal at West Warwick High School in Rhode Island.

**'66 Bruce Gordon**, BA, MA '76, retired from teaching at the Grundy Center secondary schools to pursue a career as a full-time artist. **James M. Hall**, BA, retired from teaching and administration after 31 years. He is currently doing education technology consulting for a variety of clients. **Leo Hensley**, BA, MA '71, is the executive director of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn. **Gloria Grimm Jacobson**, BA, is the vocational resource coordinator at Nevada High School. She helps high school students prepare for careers through cooperative employment opportunities and job shadowing. **Leilani Bright Urbatsch**, BA, is the director of a grant program that funds statewide projects for the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

**'67 Mark R. Gibson**, BA, is a civil engineer for the Dubuque County Highway Department. **Bernard Moine**, BA, works with Cortright Realtors.

**'68 Carol Crovisier Clayton**, BA, was awarded one of four 1997 Iowa Distinguished Teacher Awards. She teaches sixth grade mathematics at John Adams Middle School in Mason City. **Shirlee Lauen Densen**, BA, is seeking a third term as the Pocahontas County Treasurer. **Dean Hansen**, BA, is a psychology teacher and middle school counselor at Sheldon High School. **L. Sue Boileau Kramer**, BA, is an elementary teacher in Albuquerque Public Schools in New Mexico.

**'69 Dennis R. Deurling**, BA, is the principal of Lincoln Alternative High School and associate principal at Clinton High School. He was the guidance counselor at Clinton High School for the past 23 years. **Theodore Frevert**, BA, MA '72, is the director of the counseling department at Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport. **Larry Mozack**, BA, is the registrar at North Iowa Area Community College. **Virgil Murray**, BA, is the principal at Bellevue Elementary School as well as the mayor of Bellevue. **Carlton Wiese**, MA, is the

director of human resources at the Diamond Jo Casino in Dubuque.

**'70 Robert Allbaugh**, BA, MA '80, teaches anatomy/physiology and health at Valley View High School in Moreno Valley, CA. **Pamela Quegg Brown**, BA, was named the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year at Plantation Key Schools in the Florida Keys, where she has taught since 1980. **Michael James Hanna**, BA, is the principal at Storm Lake High School. **Tadd Nichols**, BA, retired as the industrial arts teacher at Independence High School. **Dennis E. Severson**, BA, is a loan officer at the Waukon State Bank. **Susan Boyd Witt**, BA, earned an MAEd from the University of Minnesota. **Robert Wyatt**, BA, was elected to a three-year term on the Bartels Lutheran Home Board of Directors. He is an associate professor of finance and interim director of information management at UNI.

**'71 Carol Blaisdell Allbaugh**, BA, MA '82, was appointed school-to-career coordinator for the Moreno Valley Unified School District in Moreno Valley, CA. **Frances Lynch Ayres**, BA, was named the John W. Jr. and Barbara J. Branch Professor of Accounting at the University of Oklahoma, where she is currently the head of the accounting department. **Scott Belden**, BA, is running for Bremer County Treasurer. He was elected as the finance chairperson for the Bremer County Republican Central Committee. **Richard Berrier**, BA, is the director of the Grundy County Economic Development Alliance. **Mary Vaughn Ellinger**, BA, MA '88, is going to Brazil in July on a Fulbright Scholarship. She is going with 17 other educators from the United States for a five-week seminar titled "Education, Multiculturalism, and Citizenship in Brazil." **Elaine Meier Frevert**, BA, is a kindergarten teacher in Davenport. **Nancy Ashton LaRue**, MA, and her husband, Jim, have remodeled a century-old, one-room schoolhouse into a summer cottage near Nashua. **Debra Mueller Loetscher**, BA, is a speech language

pathologist at Mobile County Schools in Mobile, AL. She is also an LEA Special Education Chairperson. **Edward Nassif**, BA, is a cystic fibrosis specialist at the McFarland Clinic in Ames. He was nominated as *Daily Tribune's* Unsung Hero for the personal care he gives his patients. **Tom Talbott**, BA, owns Glen Oak Lumber and Milling, Inc., a company consisting of two mills, a warehouse and an office building in Montello, WI, a second mill in Somerset, KY, and a sales branch in Wexford, PA. **Mary A. Morin Tordson**, BA, is a high school art teacher in Marshalltown. She is working on a master's degree with Parson's School of Design in New York City. **Betty Boat Vogel**, BA, retired after teaching first grade for 23 years.

**'72 Edward T. Berg**, BA, has worked for 20 years at Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company. He is currently the executive vice president. **Nancy Perkins Chu**, BA, is an associate professor in the Department of Elementary Education and Reading at Western Illinois University in Macomb. **Darwin G. Copeman**, BA, is the vice president of underwriting operations at Great American Insurance Company in Cincinnati, OH. **Charles R. Doss**, BS, is a Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant. He received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal in March. **Velda Fleshner Groote**, BA, is a sixth grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary in Cedar Falls. **Paul Juhl**, MA, was named Iowa High School Counselor of the Year. He also collaborated on a recently published book of Iowa stereotypes.

**'73 Sandy Moore Gowdy**, BA, spoke at the April 13th Twentieth Century Club meeting in Marshalltown. She is the library services coordinator and systems administrator at the Marshalltown Public Library. **David Pike**, BA, joined ALLTEL Information Services as a banking consultant. He was the vice president and retail group manager for NationsBank Iowa in Des Moines. **Al Rabenold**, BA, is the assistant men's basketball coach at Grinnell College. **David A.**

## Virtuoso of voice, Walter Rodby honored by students



"Mr. Holland's Opus" is not the only tale of a music director who inspires his students to achieve greatness. More than 200 of Walter Rodby's students at Homewood-Flossmoor High School in south suburban Chicago gathered for a reunion with their instructor, a man who is a mentor for many, last May. "He's a real leader. He inspired us to be good people," one former student said in the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

After graduating from Iowa State Teacher's College in 1940, Rodby fought in World War II, earning a Bronze Star. He received a master's degree in music from Columbia University in New York, and studied at Trinity College of Music in London. He began teaching in 1948 at Joliet Township High School in Illinois. In 1949, he married Janice Jessee. Ten years later, he left Joliet to teach and direct at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. In 1970, his Viking Choir became the first American high school to perform in the Soviet Union. He left Homewood-Flossmoor in 1977 to assume a position as director of choral activities at the College of St. Francis. He also served as adjunct professor of music education at DePaul University.

Rodby has participated in 150 choral festivals in 11 states, four European concert tours, and has published over 300 Octavo Choral compositions. He retired in 1984, but still writes choral arrangements. Rodby was inducted into his hometown's Hall of Fame in Virginia, Minnesota, last year, another award to add to his many accomplishments.

Rodby's composition "Companions All" will be published in the new Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia songbook, its first revision in 75 years. He wrote this composition for the Beta Nu Chapter as an undergraduate.





**Rasmussen, MA**, invented the Handy Spare, a product that converts single roll toilet paper dispensers into double roll dispensers without changing existing hardware. It is being manufactured in Iowa and should be in stores soon. **Jill Lackore Schott, BA**, is the marketing coordinator at Iowa Mold Tooling Co., Inc.

**'74 Duane Kouba, BA**, is an assistant men's basketball coach for the University of California, Davis, Aggies. His team won the 1998 NCAA Division II National Championship. **Bill Large, BA**, is the secondary principal in Baxter. He was the West Marshall middle school principal. **Kevin McCarville, BA**, founded EduCare, a company that offers ACT and SAT prep classes, individualized instruction, study skills instruction, computer literacy workshops and college prep programs. EduCare has locations in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. **Leslie Wendt Morris, BA, MA '88**, opened "The Counseling Center" in Charles City's Cedar Mall. She is a state-licensed mental health counselor and therapist. **Kathleen Steinbach Shelton, BA**, was inducted into the LaSalle High School Hall of Fame. She is currently a special education teacher at Van Buren School in Cedar Rapids. **Roma Taylor Stewart, BM**, is the children's ministry coordinator at First Baptist Church in Grinnell.

**'75 John Beckey, BA**, is an agent with the Miller, Harrison & Beckey insurance agency. **Vicki Stark Beckey, BA**, is a CPA with a public accounting firm. **Julie Brown Bright, BA**, was named the third vice president of the College Athletic Business Management Association, a position that will lead to the presidency of the organization. She is UNI's Athletics business manager and licensing administrator. **Ed Brown, BA**, was elected mayor of Washington. He won the Powerball lottery jackpot in 1992. **Joyce A. Hackett, BA, MA '77**, is the superintendent of the unified Catholic School System of Sioux City. **Rebecca Holub McCarville, BA**, founded EduCare, a company that offers ACT and SAT prep classes, individualized instruction, study skills instruction, computer literacy workshops and college prep programs. EduCare has locations in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids.

**'76 Steven L. Bakker, BA**, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Bulter County Auditor. He is the assistant manager at Farmers Feed & Grain in Allison. **Tom Eddy, BA**, was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. He is a biology teacher in Green Lake, WI. **Steve Noll, BA**, is the mayor of Lisbon. He is also a sales representative for Contractors Steel Corp. in Wilton. **Fred Wills, MA, EdD '88**, retired from his position as principal of Anson Middle School in Marshalltown.

**'77 Robin Nowachek Benjamin, BA**, and her husband purchased another travel agency, International Tours, in Birmingham, AL. This puts them in the top 10 in volume for the area.

**'78 Mary Stark, MA**, was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She is an associate professor of English

at Central College in Pella.

**'79 Susan Dindinger, BA**, was named the vice president of Seabury & Smith, an insurance company that provides program management services for individuals, businesses and organizations. **Andrea Gunderson Frederickson, BA, MA '97**, recently received her master's degree in library science from UNI. She teaches family and consumer sciences at Solon Community Schools. **Kevin Swalley, BA**, was elected to Allen Memorial Hospital's board of directors in Waterloo. He is the president and CEO of the Grundy National Bank.



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**'80 Barbara Schluter Moine, BA, MA '88**, is the elementary principal at Dike Schools. **Brian Smith, BA**, is an attorney with the Ohio Industry Commission. He lives in Gahanna, OH. **Jeff Suchomel, BA**, had an exhibition of his paintings at Studio G in Shenandoah. He is also the manager of the Shenandoah Hy-Vee store.

**'81 Mark Gronemeyer, BA**, has accepted a position as principal of Jefferson-Scranton High School. He was the West Liberty High School principal. **Sheldon Groote, BA**, is the World History and Civics instructor and head girls' volleyball and basketball coach at Montezuma High School. **Bill Mollison, BA**, resigned from his position as executive director of the Grinnell 2000 Foundation.

**'82 Jon Beringer, BA, MA '84**, is the news director of KCAU-TV News 9 in Sioux City. **Melinda Paulsen, BA**, is the principal at Sunset Heights Elementary in Webster City. **Shelly Smith Rumler, BA**, teaches first grade in Port Byron, IL. **Karla S. Ruth, BA**, is the production manager at KWWL-TV Channel 7 in Waterloo.

**'83 Julie Bowes, BA**, joined Ortho Computer Systems in Ames as a staff member in software support. **Rick L. Fleener, BA**, has been

appointed to the Farm Bureau Financial Agent Advisory Council for 1998. He was also selected as Agent of the Year for the Golden Circle Agency in 1997. **Judy Herrick Haven, BA**, works in the tax department for Aronson Schroeder & Co., SC, a CPA firm in Milwaukee, WI. **Linda Hulse Johansen, BM**, received the Philip Sehmman Excellence in Teaching award at the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association Honor Band Concert. She is the music teacher at North Fayette Middle School. **Randy Larson, BA**, married Julie Knobs in July 1997. He has been teaching mathematics in Fort Madison for the past 15 years. **Sandi Markow Larson, BA**, is teaching business courses and English in Baxter schools. **Miriam Pfeiff Patton, BA**, is the Palo Alto County Soil & Water Conservation District education committee chair and assistant commissioner. The district received the District of the Year award for outstanding conservation education program at the National Association of Conservation Districts Convention in February.

**'84 Jim Aberg, MA**, is the service director at Opportunity Village in Clear Lake. **Jim Fritz, BA**, was nominated for president of the Iowa Bandmasters Association. He is the director of bands at Decorah High School. **Matthew Haven, BA**, is the chief engineer-research and development for Telsmith, Inc., a manufacturer of rock crushers in Mequon, WI. **Tim Heisterkamp, BA**, joined Home State Bank in Jefferson as its Investment Centers of America Inc. representative.

**'85 Scott Gardner, BA**, was named Track Operator of the Year for 1997 by the International Hot Rod Association. He operates the Cordova Dragway Park. **Debra Bruhr Gordon, MA**, received her doctorate degree in music education from UNI. She will join the School of Music faculty this fall as assistant professor of opera/musical theater. **Colleen J. Carlson Konop, BA**, received the 1997 Outstanding Young Woman Award. She is an English and speech teacher and track coach at Yorkville High School in Yorkville, IL. **Gary Lubbert, BA, MBA '88**, received the International Academy of Business Administration Excellence in Teaching Award. He is an assistant professor of business and economics at Rockford College in

## Rosemary Wells—Tooth Fairy Consultant

Have you ever wondered how the tradition of the tooth fairy began? **Rosemary Siplon Wells, BA '51, MA '53**, sure has. She runs the Tooth Fairy Museum, the only extensive collection of artifacts related to this topic. Her museum has been featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show and in this summer's issue of *Sky* magazine, published by Delta Airlines.

Wells became interested in tales of the tooth fairy when asked about the mythology related to dentistry while teaching English in a freshman dental hygiene class. She searched in the American Dental Association Library and discovered there was very little information on the subject. Wells decided to look for the answers herself, and her collection of fairy fables and items began. She has also written many publications about

the tooth fairy and tooth mouse.

The Tooth Fairy Museum is located in Deerfield, Illinois, and it is open by appointment. Admission is a tooth fairy drawing, story, memory or imaginative project.

Wells also runs a computer graphics company and she is active in community theaters and the Evanston Symphony. She retired from teaching at Northwestern Dental School.







Illinois. **Anthony S. Mitchell**, BA, received the professional designation of certified medical representative. He is employed by Watson Laboratories, where he received the 1997 National Sales Award. **Mindy Olmstead Mossman**, BA, is the principal at Pleasant View Elementary in Webster City.

**86** **Mark Cosens**, BA, was hired as the principal of 7-12 grades in the Madrid Community School District. **Jane E. Ferrie Gordon**, BA, is the director of client services for All Staff of Cedar Valley in Waterloo. **Shawn M. Kliegl**, BA, has been promoted to major in the U.S. Army. He is an assistant professor of military science at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. He is scheduled for assignment to South Korea. **Julie Kraft**, BA, is a weekend anchor and newscaster for WOI-TV, Channel 5 in Des Moines. **Kristi Kuhn**, BA, received the 1997 Nebraska Council for Exceptional Children Teacher of the Year award. She is a resource teacher for kindergarten through sixth grade at Avery Elementary School in Bellevue, NE. **Toby Lawrence**, BA, has been promoted to partner at McGladrey & Pullen, LLP in Cedar Rapids. McGladrey & Pullen is the seventh largest CPA and consulting firm in the United States. **Rich Matzen**, BA, is the vice president of consumer and mortgage lending at Gateway State Bank in Clinton. **Karen Cooper McDermott**, BA, joined Riverside Health System in Wichita, KS, as director of marketing. **Brenda Benning Noteboom**, BA, is seeking the position of Grundy County Treasurer. She is a trust processor at Grundy National Bank. **Deb Vangellow**, BA, has been named the director of the LPGA Girls Golf Club of Houston.

**87** **Julie Senne Berry**, BA, is a mortgage specialist at Great Financial Resources of Iowa. **Pamela J. Lee Brandt**, BA, works in web site design and digital photography. She is also active as a parent in Tri-County Head Start and breast feeding advocacy. She maintains a web site about women's issues. **Spencer Cowan**, BA, has served in the military for 11 years, and is currently in Kuwait. He is scheduled to teach at the University of Illinois, Chicago, beginning in fall 1998. **Tom Doermann**, BA, resigned as the North Liberty city administrator. **Thom Frerichs**, BA, is battling his second bout of encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain caused by a virus. **Tammy Thompson Higgins**, BA, is the new institutional advancement director at Iowa Lakes Community College. **Dave Hoffman**, MA, is the principal for Lincoln Upper Elementary School in Washington. He was the elementary principal in Preston for 11 years before accepting this position. **Eric Petersen**, BA, a doctor of osteopathic medicine, joined Medical Associates of Maquoketa. **Wade Presley**, BM, is the high school band director for the Nevada Community School District in Nevada.

**88** **Brian Caslavka**, BA, is the internal control manager of Central State Bank in Muscatine. **John Chalmers**, BA, is the new principal at Clear Lake High School. He was the assistant principal at Muscatine High School. **Melissa Pratt Crawford**, BA, was promoted to

assistant vice president at Physicians Mutual Insurance Company in Omaha, NE. She is the youngest officer in the company's history. **Tim Donovan**, BA, was promoted to human resources manager at GTE in Tampa, FL. **Jane Juenger**, BA, is the director of financial aid at North Iowa Area Community College. **Eric Mayer**, BA, is a physician's assistant at Covenant Reinbeck Clinic. He received training in the National Guard's Physician's Assistance program, and he graduated at the top of his class. **Catherine Kahler Orth**, BA, joined public radio stations KUNI, KHKE, KUNY and KRNI at UNI as a development associate. She was the executive director for the Christian Crusaders radio ministry. **Jodi Lingren Tymeson**, BA, is studying at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, an Army war college at Harvard University. She is the highest ranking female officer in the Iowa Army National Guard.

**89** **Ed Derr**, BA, is director of career and counseling services at Upper Iowa University and a referee for varsity and junior high football. **Sarah Appleman Derr**, BA, is working toward a history teaching endorsement at Upper Iowa University. **John Fury**, BA, joined Southtown Chiropractic Clinic in Moline, IL. **James O'Connor**, BA, was promoted to senior associate at Morgan & Myers, Inc., a public relations firm specializing in agriculture, food, health and wellness, and business-to-business industry sectors. He works in the Waterloo office. **Kerry Clough Petersen**, BA, MA '90, has a park in her honor in Storm Lake. Kerry passed away in 1994. **Joelle R. Nulle Swan**, BA, has joined Campbell, Higgins & Associates, Inc. as a certified public accountant. **Barry Thompson**, MA, has been a counselor at Clarion-Goldfield Elementary for the past nine years. **Karla K. Weber**, BA, joined the Rock Island Bank, N.A. as vice president and controller.



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**90** **Julie A. Andersen**, BA, is the vice president of governmental affairs for the Iowa Credit Union League in West Des Moines. **Jill Kadera Hellmer**, BA, is a tax manager for General Binding Corp. She married Mark Hellmer in August 1997 and resides in Morton Grove, IL. **Jodi L. Hirsch**, BA, is a national bank examiner with the Comptroller of the Currency-U.S. Treasury Department. She works out of the San Francisco district office. **Dianne Hartman Laures**, BA, works at CUNA Mutual in Waverly.

**91** **Chad Belville**, BA, BA '94, joined Phillip Norland's law practice in Northwood after he passed the Iowa Bar examination this spring. **Kim Wells Brenizer**, BA, is an accounts receivable coordinator at Pella Corporation in Pella. **Dan Callahan**, BA, is the industrial arts teacher at Independence High School. **Mary K. Diers**, BA, is a publicist with Llewellyn Worldwide, located in St. Paul, one of America's leading publishers of New Age books. **Brad Hansen**, BA, is the health administrator at Jennie Edmundson

Hospital and an Iowa representative in House District 83. **Darrell L. Harvey**, BA, graduated from Iowa State University in MIS this May, his second bachelor's degree. **Doug Helm**, BA, is a science, mathematics and computer teacher and boy's basketball coach at Montezuma Schools. **Carson Holloway**, BA, is completing graduate study in political science at Northern Illinois University. His dissertation is titled "Music in the History of Political Philosophy." Holloway also attended the seminar "The Third Millennium and the Free Society" in July 1997 in Krakow, Poland. **Rohan Joseph**, BS, was named pump applications specialist at Carver Pump Company. He resides in Muscatine. **Duane Rieken**, BA, is the new conservation director for Hardin County. **Paula Ward**, BA, is the communications manager for the Iowa Corn Growers Association. **Amy Waskowiak**, BA, graduated from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. She practices law in Newport News, VA. She was married in June 1997 to Brett Loney. **Gregory L. Weber**, BA, has joined Business Capital Corporation as a business valuation analyst. He was an audit manager for KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP. **Linda Withers**, MA, instructed a session at the Witter Gallery in Storm Lake on "Gyotaku," a type of Japanese printmaking using a real fish.

**92** **Joyce Picht Barbatti**, BA, received the 1998 Salute Award, sponsored by the Northeast Iowa Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications. She owns Barbatti Communications in Waterloo. **Mike Brannon**, BA, opened Amling-Brannon LLP in Parkersburg and Reinbeck. He purchased half of the George Amling Accounting Practice in Cedar Falls. **Steve Brenizer**, BS, is a market researcher at Pella Corporation in Pella. **Michelle D. Cook**, BA, is a business analyst at MCI in Cedar Rapids. **David Dutkowski**, BA, is the lead member of technical staff research and development for Schneider National in Green Bay, WI. **Nick Pace**, BA, is the new secondary principal at North Tama School. **Joyce Larson Ruehlow**, BA, is an academic adviser in the counseling office at North Iowa Area Community College. **Mitchell Wachs**, BA, teaches mathematics at Winfield-Mt. Union Schools. He also has a 133-21 record as the girl's basketball coach.

**93** **Richard Douglas Dahl**, BA, is employed in production control at Power Engineering and Manufacturing LTD in Waterloo. **Adam J. Duffy**, BA, joined NationsBank as a consumer banker. He was a pension service associate with The Principal in Waterloo. **Bob Gavin**, BA, joined AmerUs Bank as the manager/lender of a new branch in Davenport. He was a manager at Norwest Financial's Clinton branch. **Karla Hackenmillier**, BFA, was featured as a guest artist at the Norstrand Visual Arts Gallery, Wayne State College, in Wayne, NE. Her exhibition will also be shown in Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. **Heidi Heidt**, BA, is an information consultant with Dun & Bradstreet Corp. in Overland Park, KS. **Kathleen F. O'Connor Hartzler**, BA, MA '97, teaches at Manson Northwest Webster School District. **Terry**





**Merfeld, BA**, is a staff accountant for KPMG Peat Marwick in Kansas City, MO. He moved from the assurance practice to the tax practice in April.

**Rachel Robinson McGuire, BA**, is the director of admissions for North Iowa Area Community College. **Kerri E. Hanson Mohwinkle, BA**, teaches seventh grade science at Riverbend Middle School in Iowa Falls. **Judith Olson, MA**, is a consultant with Area Education Agency 3. She was the alternate 1997 Iowa Teacher of the Year and attended the U.S. Teacher Forum in Washington D.C. in 1997. **Ann Sandhoff, BA, MA '95**, is volunteering for one year with the Christian Appalachian Project. She is living in Mt. Vernon, KY, and working at the Family Life Child Development Center. **Brian Smith, BA**, was promoted to accounting manager at Terra Industries Inc. **Steve Spoden, BA**, earned a master's degree in education counseling with a 4.0 GPA. He accepted a position as a counselor at the Regional Safe Schools program in McHenry County, IL. **Teresa Stumo, BA**, teaches middle school mathematics at Titonka Consolidated School. **Jennifer A. Holmes Wessels, BA**, teaches mathematics and computer science at West Marshall and Colo-NESCO high schools. She married Jason L. Wessels in September 1997.

**'94 Jodi Heims, BA**, is the day treatment site coordinator for the Delinquency Alternative to Residential Treatment program for Alternative Services, a Cedar Rapids-based social services agency. **Mary Housman, BA**, teaches English at Marquette High. **Debbie L. Hrubes, BA**, works at The Principal Financial Group in the Group & Pension Sales Communication Unit. She is also a volunteer paramedic with the West Des Moines Emergency Medical Services. **James R. Leach, BA**, a Marine 1st Lieutenant, returned to Camp Pendleton, CA, after six months in the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans. While on this deployment, Leach participated in training exercises with regional allies and visited several ports including Australia, Eritrea, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand. **Brooks Oldridge, BA**, is a development manager for Camp Adventure at UNI. He is also an organist for worship services at the Church of Christ United in Winthrop. **Tascha F. Roggentien, BA**, is a senior territory manager for Wisconsin Tissue in Overland Park, KS. **Kristin Capps Slattenow, BA**, is teaching third and fourth grades at Baxter schools. **Michelle Smith Ver Steeg, BA**, teaches fourth grade at Ruthven-Ayrshire Elementary. She is also the assistant volleyball coach of the Lakeland Raiders and head coach of the junior varsity squad. **Jim Swalls, BA**, is a credit supervisor with Midland Loan Services in Kansas City, MO. **Denise Hagen Yeager, BA**, is a buyer for Von Maur in Davenport.

**'95 Kris R. Campbell, BA**, an airman first class in the U.S. Air Force, works at the Air Intelligence Agency at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. Campbell recently received the Air Force Achievement Medal. **Rebecca A. Fabricius, BA**, is a Spanish instructor and head coach of the Sugar Bears dance team at Bryan High School in Omaha, NE. On weekends, she volunteers as a crisis counselor serving victims of

sexual assault and domestic violence through the YWCA Hotline. **Polly Crosley Granzow, MA**, is seeking her second term as Hardin County supervisor. She is currently vice-chairman of the board of supervisors. **Amy Hawley, BA, MA '96**, is teaching English in Japan at a conversation school for Aeon. She is also learning about the Japanese culture and how to speak their language. **Brian Joseph King, BA**, is working for the Durham Police Department in Durham, NC. **Judie Bassett Krebsbach, BA**, joined the Grundy County USDA as a natural resource manager. She recently finished requirements for a master of science degree in environmental science at UNI. She also teaches environmental-related classes at UNI and Hawkeye Community College. **Alauna D. Ramsey, BA**, is a fully licensed broker and insurance agent focusing on financial advising, analyzing and planning. She is preparing for the CFP designation and recently became engaged to Tracy Frerichs. **Kandiwapa I. Shejvali, BA**, graduated with an MPA in public policy and finance from New York University in Manhattan, NY. She will begin the PhD program at NYU's Wagner School in the fall. She currently works at the United Nations' Children's Fund.

**'96 Linda George Basu, BA**, is the wellness resource coordinator at UNI. **Douglas Boldt, BA**, is the new director of public works in Tipton. **Amy Cockrum-Kling, BA**, is the Aplington economic development coordinator. **Maureen Collins-Williams, BA**, is the associate director of UNI's Small Business Development Center. **Jill Wolf Herold, BA**, is substitute teaching in Alabama. **Elizabeth K. Jones, BA**, teaches sixth grade reading at Sam Rayburn Middle School in San Antonio, TX. **Dan Karsjens, BA**, teaches fifth grade at Ackley-Geneva Schools. He also coaches girls' basketball and girls' tennis. **Kara Leglar, BA**, joined Bethphage as the community relations manager in Osceola.

Bethphage is an organization that provides services to adults and children with developmental disabilities. **Teresa Hass Martin, BA**, received a Promising Teacher Award from the Iowa Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts. She teaches at Union High School in LaPorte City. **Beth Ann Graff Pattschull, BA**, is teaching special education preschool at River Hills in Cedar Falls. **Kimberly S. Rastetter, BA**, teaches English and is the assistant girls' basketball coach at Alden Community School. **Rosemary Schwartz, BA**, was invited to present her article titled, "The Uneasy Marriage of Non Profits and Business" to members of the National Assembly of National Voluntary Health and Social Welfare Organizations. She is the northeast Iowa community specialist/ area director for the American Diabetes Association and she is pursuing a master's degree in youth and human service administration at UNI. **Charles S. Siverberg, BA**, was promoted to Midwest regional field merchandising coordinator for New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc. **Ann Hoogland Stein, BA**, is the substitute counselor in the K-8 guidance counseling program at Clay Central/Everyly.

**'97 Joel Bryan, BA**, is reviving a ski slope, Seven Oaks Recreation, between Ogden and Boone. His family's corporation also owns Fun Valley. **Christine K. Cook, BA**, passed the CPA exam and has an audit staff position with Deloitte & Touche LLP in Houston, TX. **Sonya Fox, BA**, is a sales representative in Des Moines for Wallace Computer Services. **Shawn Gehlsen, BA**, joined O'Brien and Clay Counties as a naturalist. **Theresa Harms, BA**, is the full-time legislative director for the American Cancer Society in Des Moines. She was serving as the administrative assistant to the president pro-tem of the Iowa Senate during the 77th General Assembly. **Mark Herold, BA**, is in flight school at Ft. Rucker, AL. He is at the top of his class and will graduate this fall.



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**Jennifer Hillquist**, BA, is the director of marketing services at Executive Marketers in Denver, CO. **Ben Hoben**, BA, joined Grain Processing Corporation as a staff accountant. He recently passed the CPA exam. **Diane Hrubes**, BA, is an SCI teacher at Titonka Consolidated School. **Christopher Krueger**, BA, received the Golden Apple Award from KIMT Channel 3 in Mason City. He is a second grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Charles City as well as the varsity football and wrestling coaching assistant and head sophomore baseball coach. **Lynette Sylvester Lender**, BA, teaches high school special education at HLV in Victor. **Brandon J. Lindsey**, BA, is a management trainee with Enterprise Rent-A-Car. **Kristin Heideman Merfeld**, BA, accepted a job with Adventure Woods, a non-profit group affiliated with St. Luke's Lutheran Hospital of Kansas City. She will be working in Lee's Summit, MO. **Jamie Rewerts Osterbuhr**, BA, teaches elementary special education in the Nevada Community School District in Nevada. **Keith Poock**, BA, passed the CPA exam. He is an internal auditor for Hy-Vee Food Stores. **Amy Przychodzin**, BA, is the new administrator at the Afton Care Center in Afton. **Staci Seedorf**, BA, is the marketing/tourism director for Winneshiek County Development Inc. **Chad Simington**, BA, works with youths at colleges across Iowa to expand youth ministry and promote religious leadership on campus. **Jennifer Stull**, BA, is the assistant program specialist for the Nishnabotna Girl Scout Council. She is developing the Girl Scout program in southwest Iowa. **Carol Winterboer**, MA, teaches third grade at Fairview Elementary in the Carroll Community School District. She was runner-up in the annual Iowa Teacher of the Year contest.

## MARRIAGES

'80s **Julie Knobbs & Randy D. Larson**, BA'83. **Susan Jensen**, BA'94 & **Todd Faley**, BA'89.

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& **Barry Vollink**. **Carl Schneck**, BA'97 & **Paul O'Connell**.

## BIRTHS

'80s **Brett Lincoln**, BA'89 & **Ann Becker**, BA'88, Fox Point, WI, twins; son, Samuel; daughter, Rachel, born Dec. 17, 1997. **Michael & Angi Blake Louscher**, BA'89, Mason City, daughter, Mary Katherine, born Jan. 15, 1998.

'90s **Stephen & Kim Zelhart Carlson**, BA'88; MA'94, Anamosa, son, Alex, born March 1, 1998. **Daniel**, BA'91 & **Carmen Williams Schaefer**, BA'92, Denver, son, Joshua, born Feb. 12, 1998. **Robert**, BA'92 & **Deb Hierlmeier Goeman**, BA'92, Omaha, NE, daughter, Anna, born April 2, 1998. **David**, BA'92 & **Stephanie Watson Dutkowski**, BS'94, Green Bay, WI, son, Tyler, born June 13, 1997. **Pat**, BS'93, & **Danielle Strasburger Bortscheller**, BA'92, Pella, son, Bryce, born Oct. 18, 1995 & son, Bradley, born Dec. 16, 1997. **Scott**, BA'95 & **Pamela Tesar Banyas**, BA'95, Ankeny, daughter, Madison, born May 8, 1998.

## DEATHS

'20s **Pearl Allen Shedd**, 2yr'14, Denver, CO, died April 15, 1998. **Catherine Carl**, 2yr'23, died Dec. 24, 1997. **Esther Pelper Pfautz**, 2yr'23, San Rafael, CA, died Feb. 18, 1998. **Gertrude Hoker Holmes**, 2yr'23, Grinnell, died

March 27, 1998. **Earl Wolfe**, BA'24, Downers Grove, IL, died April 13, 1998. **Maude Mountain**, 2yr'24, Coon Rapids, died Feb. 21, 1998. **Cora Klaus Eighmey**, 2yr'26, Evergreen, CO, died Jan. 28, 1998. **L.Berenice Gremmels**, BA'26, Chicago, IL, died March 26, 1998. **Lora Axtell Woodcock Schuck**, 2yr'27, Aplington, died April 21, 1998. **Vivian Black Selman**, 2yr'27, Burlington, died March 16, 1998. **Vivian Landstrom Anstey**, 2yr'28, Creston, died April 24, 1998. **Isabelle Shaffer Latch**, 1yr'28, Waverly, died April 4, 1998.

'30s **Boyle Vesely**, 2yr'30, Iowa City, died May 1, 1998. **Pearle Hoffman Davis**, 2yr'31, Mount Morris, IL, died Jan. 18, 1997. **Agnes Jensen Person**, BA'31, Omaha, NE, died Jan. 26, 1997. **Eloise Savits Hager**, 2yr'31, Ogden, died April 16, 1998. **Gladys Moore Shearman**, 2yr'31, Jefferson, died March 25, 1998. **Genevieve Isakson Ploeger**, 1yr'31, Holstein, died April, 1998. **William Crawford**, 2yr'29; BS'32, Gig Harbor, WA, died Feb. 19, 1998. **Esther wood Bayles-Truesdell**, 2yr'33, LeMars, died April 25, 1998. **Margaret Brand Erritt**, 1yr'33, Rockwell City, died April 2, 1998. **Margaret Parrett Bliese**, 2yr'33, Kearney, NE, died March 29, 1998. **Leona Weltha Reutinger**, 2yr'26; BA'33, Colorado Springs, CO, died March 5, 1998. **Reuben Wood**, BA'34, Spencer, died April 11, 1998. **Helen Mitchell**, 2yr'34, Knoxville, died Feb. 9, 1997. **Minnie DeVries Brink**, 2yr'37, Sheldon, died April 21, 1998. **Leona Wagner Burke**, 2yr'37, Oelwein, died April 26, 1998. **Esther DeKoster Koolik**, 2yr'37, Hull, died March 9, 1998. **Clara Speers Millard**, BA'38, Iowa Falls, died May 12, 1998. **Charles Ruggless**, BA'39, Grants Pass, OR, died March 26, 1997. **Marjorie Bywater Pattschull**, 2yr'32; BA'39, Denver, CO, died March 20, 1998.

## LONG-TIME UNI ARTS SUPPORTER DIES



Funeral services were held May 16 for Martha Ellen Tye of Marshalltown, an honorary trustee of the UNI Foundation. She died May 12 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

"Martha Ellen Tye was one of the leading contributors to the arts at the University of Northern Iowa," says Joe Mitchell, UNI vice president for advancement and president of the UNI Foundation.

"She was generous and untiring in her efforts and support in behalf of the arts in her home community and throughout the state and she will be missed by many on this campus."

She established the Martha Ellen Tye Visiting Professorships at UNI in 1982. This gift has been shared by the Department of Art, Department of Theatre and the School of Music, making possible a variety of visiting and guest artists, directors, costumers and designers. She later established the Martha Ellen Tye Endowed Scholarship fund that makes scholarships available to students in the same three disciplines — art, music and theatre — with funds divided annually and equally. In recent years, her gifts have also made possible the Martha Ellen Tye Multicultural Fine Arts Festival.

In November 1989, Tye was named "Outstanding Individual Philanthropist" by the Central Iowa Chapter of the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives.

Edward Voldseth, emeritus vice president for university relations and development, says he first met Tye through their mutual involvement with the Episcopal church, and through their relationship, "she became better acquainted with UNI."

"I have known few people who have been more generous in a variety of good causes, while seeking not to remain entirely anonymous about her gifts, but certainly to keep her giving in the background."

Tye was the widow of prominent Marshalltown attorney Joe B. Tye, who died in 1974. She was the oldest and last surviving child of Jasper and Florence Fisher, and her grandfather, William Fisher, invented the governor valve on which his company, Fisher Controls, was founded.



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'**40s** Alice Fay Scott, BA'40, Corydon, died  
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BA'44, Tipton, died April 13, 1998. **Mary Hurlbut  
Carmen**, BA'45, Vinton, died May 11, 1998.  
**Margaret Olson Ostheimer**, BA'45, Minneapolis,  
MN, died April 12, 1998. **Clyde Gabriel**, BA'48,  
Muscatine, died March 26, 1998. **Frances Foster  
Willey**, BA'49, Fresno, CA, died Aug. 31, 1997.

'**50s** William Setzer, BA'50, Amana, died  
March 25, 1998. **Verda Krambeer  
Lamker**, 2yr'50, Monona, died March 16, 1998.  
**Paul Knipe**, BA'50, Decorah, died March 9, 1998.  
**Elizabeth Clark Wilson**, 2yr'51, Ottumwa, died  
April 18, 1998. **Marilyn Norris Long**, 2yr'51, State  
College, PA, died Dec. 21, 1997. **John Dillard**,  
BA'52, Wellman, died April 16, 1998. **Mary Berge  
Hagerty**, BA'52, Edina, MN, died October 30,  
1997. **Barbara Grant Sibley**, BA'54, Shady Side,  
MD, died May 10, 1998. **Niel VerHoef**, Des  
Moines, died March 7, 1998. **Joan Landwehr  
Drape**, BA'58, Hanover, NH, died April 27, 1998.  
**Arlene Sundquist Ellison**, BA'58, Solon, died  
Dec. 10, 1994.

'**60s** Don Wightman, BA'60,  
Dysart, died April 7, 1998.  
**Emilie Schilling**, 1yr'36; 2yr'49; BA'62,  
Lytton, died March 4, 1998. **John  
Michael Lee**, BA'65, Reinbeck, died  
April 25, 1998. **Susan Walrod Corey**,  
BA'67, Cedar Falls, died May 10, 1998.  
**Loren Seebach**, BA'49; MA'68, Dysart,  
died April 12, 1998.

'**70s** Richard Opheim, BA'58;  
MA'70, Dows, died April 7,  
1998. **JoAnne Powers McCoy**, BA'62;  
MA'71; Lake View, AR, died March 19,  
1998. **Michael Falk**, BA'75, Champlin,  
MN, died March 28, 1998. **Joseph  
Summerhays**, BA'75, Waterloo, died  
May 11, 1998.

'**80s** Lois Greimann Mayne,  
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# The role of community service at UNI

by Don Doerr

*...not only does social life demand teaching and learning for its own permanence, but the very process of living together educates. It enlarges and enlightens experience; it stimulates and enriches imagination; it creates responsibility for accuracy and vividness of statement and thought. A man really living alone (alone mentally as well as physically) would have little or no occasion to reflect upon his past experience to extract its net meaning.*

(from John Dewey's book, *Democracy and Education*, 1916, p. 7)

For those of us who consider ourselves educators, these thoughts expressed by Dewey more than 80 years ago can still ring true for us today. And they ring true at UNI. The development of the UNI Strategic Plan and Performance Indicators, the focus on experiential education, and the ongoing work of the Qualities of an Educated Person project are just three examples of how similar thoughts have made their way into university policy and programs. And all of these policies and programs are consistent with the UNI Vision Statement that says, in part, "UNI will be known for educational quality, a student-centered focus, scholarship, teacher-scholar faculty, and service beyond the campus."

It is in this last area, "service beyond the campus," that we see a living picture of Dewey's words. When students become involved in activities that require their participation in the community, they are able to take concepts learned in the classroom and make them real. When they do that in activities that are service-oriented (often thought of as volunteering in the nonprofit sector), the experience raises new questions for reflection and learning:

- What does it mean to help someone else?
- Where is my place in society?
- Can I make a difference, and, if so, how and where?
- What does it mean to be a citizen?

Such value-laden questions reach to the core of our mission, our objectives and strategies, and finally, our actions as educators. Students benefit because they are challenged in new and different ways to explore themselves, the world, and their place in it. Not only do they develop a certain level of proficiency in a discipline with a defined set of practical skills, but they also can grow as human beings.

As illustrated in the article written by Carole Yates, service takes many forms at UNI. Students can volunteer because they think it is important or they can serve because it is required for a major or as part of a course. To discuss whether it is better for students to choose to serve within the communities they live or to be "told to" as a part of an educational requirement is really a debate that has no end, and therefore will not be discussed here. For me, what is important from both career and personal development perspectives is that more UNI students are getting exposed to the benefits of service. The reason? Today, there is more value placed on it at UNI and there are more options and pathways to it. ALSO, ONCE STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED, THEY ARE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT!!

Let me give you a small personal example that illustrates the power of service in today's education. Several weeks ago, I participated in a



community cleanup day at a local park. I was joined by a student and a faculty member, forming a team. As we were walking around, picking up garbage, I was struck by how my conversation with this student was so very different from those I have with

students in my office. I got to know more about this student as a person. Also, I enjoyed the fact that we were pulling together for a common good. I experienced a sense of satisfaction that grew from my taking action to solve a problem and from my interactions with this student and others involved in the event. If this could happen to me for only three hours of work, think about the benefits students receive when they are participating in larger and longer service projects.

In the final analysis, around service, people are engaged in life and learning in much more meaningful ways that can be personally transforming. Generally, it brings out the best in us as human beings. And, at the same time, to quote the last sentence from the UNI Mission Statement, "The University increases knowledge and promotes student growth through scholarship and service, and shares its expertise with individuals, communities and organizations."

If you would like to learn how you can get involved in assisting students who are considering service-related occupations and work in the nonprofit sector, please feel free to contact me.

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# Students **FIRST**

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Some children are destined to be teachers. They preferred to play school over any other game. They stopped to help a classmate. They always did their homework and studied to get good grades. Carrie Peiffer was that kind of child. Growing up in Marion, Iowa, about 70 miles from campus, she knew she was destined to go to the Iowa university most famous for "el ed": the University of Northern Iowa. In fact, she never even considered any other college.

But there was a catch: Carrie was one of three sisters, all in high school together. "I'd always figured I'd have to work a lot or take out loans to pay for my own education," she says.

Polly Prichard Slife ('42) was a beloved teacher and volunteer in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls community. Her son, James Slife ('73), is a successful businessman. His parents, the late Harry and Polly Prichard Slife, were legendary for their support of UNI and education in their community.

"She supported my father while he was in law school," Slife says of his mother. "She always had a soft spot for the elementary kids." Harry and Polly established the Polly Prichard Slife scholarship for elementary education students.

James says, "It's nice to give something back, to make sure someone like Carrie gets a good education."

To learn more about how to create an endowed scholarship, please contact



Carrie Peiffer, current recipient of the Polly Prichard Slife scholarship, with James Slife.



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Pride Cry
- 5-6:30 p.m. Dinner served at  
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Stroll, Kick-off  
Ceremonies, Panther  
Pride Cry

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 7-10 p.m. Carnival, Maucker  
Union Coffeehouse

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- Time TBD Window Painting  
Ultimate Frisbee

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 8 p.m.-midnight Dance, Maucker Union  
Coffeehouse

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 2 p.m. Alumni Association  
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Meeting, Curris  
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- 4 p.m. Annual meeting of the  
Alumni Association,  
Curris Business Building
- 5:30-7 p.m. All Alumni Reception,  
Commons
- 6:30-9 p.m. Bonfire, parking lot  
south of 23rd Street by  
Nebraska Street
- 7 p.m. Class of 1958 Reunion  
Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Artists Series: Poncho  
Sanchez Latin Jazz  
Band, Russell Hall

- 9:30 p.m. Alumni Association  
reception for artist,  
Communication Arts  
Center lobby
- Midnight Campaniling,  
Campanile
- Time TBD Fireworks (tentative),  
location TBD

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 8-9:30 a.m. Cross Country 5K Run,  
west of UNI-Dome on  
intramural fields
- 10-11:30 a.m. 1998 Homecoming  
Parade, from Cedar  
Falls High, up College  
Street, to Campbell Hall
- 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. All-alumni Tailgate,  
south Dome plaza
- 1:30-5 p.m. Homecoming Game:  
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- 6:30-midnight UNight, southwest  
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